

"Cruel Fate" Is Outwitted Every Day by Post-Dispatch Wants!

TURKS ROUTED
BY CRETANS.

PIERCE FIGHT AT MALAXA, OUT-
SIDE OF SUDA.

SULTAN'S FLEET IN ACTION.

Fire of the Ships Was Bad and the
Shells Fell Short or
Too Far.

CANEA, March 25.—The insurgents made
determined attacks upon the blockhouse or
fort at Malaxa, outside of Suda, to-day.
During the night the insurgent forces were
pushed forward until they occupied con-
venient positions for attack, and about 6
a. m. the artillery opened fire upon the
Turkish blockhouse.

The pieces of the Christians were served
with admirable promptness and precision,
so that in a short time nothing remained
to the Turks but extermination or evacuation.
The Muslims, preferring the latter, left the
fort and commenced a retreat on Suda, re-
lying upon the Turkish warships in the bay
to save them from the Christians.

The Sultan's fleet opened a badly-judged
fire upon the insurgents in order to cover
the retreat from the block house. The shells
fell either short or far beyond the in-
surgent forces. Consequently, the Chris-
tians pushed forward steadily, pressing hard
upon the rear of the Turks and keeping up a
continual skirmish fire.

The Turks made a stand now and then,
pouring a few volleys in the direction of
the insurgent skirmish lines. The in-
surgents succeeded in pushing on as far as
the village of Tsakalaria, where they set fire to
some houses.

While this fighting was in progress a de-
tachment of Turkish troops, being unaware
of the fact that the garrison of the fort at
Malaxa had evacuated that place and was
retreating upon Suda, closely pursued by
the Christians, made a sortie from Canea,
with a convoy of provisions intended for the
garrison of Malaxa. From the route fol-
lowed by the Turks nothing could be seen
of the fighting in progress between Malaxa
and Suda, and the Ottoman troops advanced
half way up to the heights upon which the
block house of Keratidi is situated.

But while the Turks were unaware of the
insurgents' doings, the latter had closely
followed the movements of the Turkish
column escorting the provision and am-
munition train. Near Keratidi the Turks
were met by a body of insurgents who, from
well selected positions, opened a fierce
fire upon the advancing troops.

The fire of the Christians stopped the ad-
vance of the column and the Turkish com-
mander took up the best position possible
in order to protect the convoy and send it
to the rear if necessary.

At noon, as this dispatch is sent, the fight-
ing between the Turks and Christians near
Keratidi was still in progress, and the re-
sult is uncertain.

The Turkish garrison at Malaxa lost
heavily during the retreat from that place.
The insurgents are numerous and occupy
all the heights in the vicinity of Canea as
far as Perivolia, having captured the two
last Turkish fortresses. Only the fleets of
the Powers prevent the entire success of
the insurgent cause.

Politically there is no change in the sit-
uation. The Cretan chiefs have definitely
decided to refuse autonomy and will con-
tinue the struggle until the union of the
island with Greece is an acknowledged fact.
The blockade is in progress all along the
Cretan coast; but this has not prevented
several small Greek vessels from landing
ammunition and provisions. The Greek
vessels which were accidentally captured by
Austrian gunboats which put into a harbor
owing to the severity of the weather, had
on board sixty volunteers and a quantity
of ammunition.

SUFFERINGS AT SEA.

Scurvy-Stricken Sailors Excite Sym-
pathy and Indignation.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The crew of the
scurvy-stricken ship T. P. Oakes has been
notified it will be paid off at the office of
the United States Shipping Commissioner
this afternoon. Eleven of the men are re-
covering slowly in the Marine Hospital on
Staten Island. Several of them are so much
improved that they will probably be able
to appear before the Shipping Commis-
sioner and tell their story of the fearful
voyage from China. Their sufferings have
excited great indignation, and a mass-meet-
ing to consider the case has been called
for to-night at Cooper Union under the
auspices of the Social Reform Club and the
Central Labor Union.

LACK OF FLESH FOOD.

Cause of the Death of Vegetarian Sor-
ley.

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH.
CHICAGO, March 25.—Charles H. Sorley,
President of the Chicago Vegetarian So-
ciety and a lecturer and writer on vegeta-
rianism, is dead at St. Luke's Hospital.
His son, J. A. Sorley, and his friend, a con-
siderable physician, Dr. J. J. Knudson, at-
tending physician at St. Luke's, incline to the
same opinion.

BUTLER'S RUSE.

Made a Bogus Confession to Avoid Go-
ing to Australia.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 25.—John
Newman, alias Butler, alias Lee Weller,
after having exhausted every other means of
escape, yesterday to having murdered a
man, confessed to the murder of a man, con-
fession which he made in order to avoid
being sent to Australia. He was arrested
at Walla Walla, Wash., in 1887. The au-
thorities have made his confession, which
leaves no doubt of the fact of Butler's con-
fession.

THE HARRISON TICKET REGULAR.

Board of Election Commissioners Decide That the
Executive Committee's Ruling Was Correct.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS,
CITY OF ST. LOUIS, MO., March 25, 1897.
At a meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of St. Louis, held in their office in the City Hall this day, there were present George W. Jones, Chairman; W. F. Saunders, Secretary, and Thad C. Harris, Commissioner, whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

It appearing that notice had been given to Edwin Harrison and Lee Meriwether, contestants for the claim of having been legally and regularly elected as the Democratic nominee for the office of Mayor of said city, to be voted for at the ensuing election, to be held in April, that this Board would receive up to March 23, 1897, at 4 p. m., affidavits bearing on said question according to the form of procedure heretofore prescribed by the Board as follows:

The Board of Election Commissioners will determine the question as to which of the Democratic conventions was regular and entitled to have its ticket placed on the official ballot under the caption, "Regular Democratic Ticket," by applying the following rules:

1. All delegates holding the certificates signed by the Election Commissioners, or proxies in legal form given to other persons by these regularly qualified delegates or any of them, were entitled to participate in the preliminary organization of the Convention, whether their seats were contested or not.

2. Whoever of the two conventions contained a majority of the delegates or their proxies qualified as above, constituted the Regular Democratic Convention; and this in spite of any irregularity in the opening proceedings.

3. Evidence on this vital point must consist of affidavits signed by the Chairman of each Ward Delegation, containing a list in each instance of the delegates from that ward participating with him in the Convention. If the accuracy of the Chairman's affidavit is challenged by any delegate (or his proxy), whose name is contained in said list, then the Chairman's affidavit must be fortified by the affidavits of the individual delegates composing the Ward Delegation.

4. Opportunity for submitting evidence as above will be afforded to contesting parties until 4 o'clock of the twenty-third day of March, 1897. All evidence must be submitted in writing.

Of which form both of said parties had personal notice. And it further appearing that said Harrison did, on March 23, 1897, at 2:30 p. m., submit affidavits on the prescribed form bearing on his contention, and that said Meriwether at 3:52 p. m., on March 23, 1897, did present the following objections to said form of procedure, but submitted no affidavits whatever:

To the Board of Election Commissioners, City of St. Louis, Mo.: Gentlemen—We most respectfully decline to acquiesce in the rules of evidence set forth in your favor of March 22, wherein you state that the affidavit of the chairman of a ward delegation shall be accepted as showing how the vote of the ward was cast, unless some member of the delegation challenges the accuracy of the chairman's affidavit.

The chairman of a delegation may have been the only delegate in his ward voting against S. P. Bond for chairman of the convention; yet under your extraordinary ruling the entire vote of that ward will be recorded as against Mr. Bond if the other delegates from that ward have absented themselves from the city since the convention, or if they are dissuaded by any means from appearing before you to make a challenge.

The proper way to determine which side had a majority is by the affidavits of the individual delegates and not by affidavits of merely the chairman of the several delegations.

We respectfully ask that this method of proof be so ordered.

We further decline to acquiesce in your ruling that any irregularity in the opening proceedings will not be considered.

We deem it right under the rules of law and equity to consider the question of proper proceedings in organizing the convention, and respectfully urge that apart from the question of which side had a majority of delegates accredited to the convention, it is also of vital importance to ascertain the facts as to methods of calling to order and organizing the Convention. Two hundred and eighty-six delegates were given credentials by your honorable body. With all of the 286 present and voting, that side casting 144 votes would be entitled to organize the convention.

But suppose for example twenty delegates were absent or not voting: Then that side casting 124 votes (a majority of the 266 voting) had the right to organize the convention, and the nominees of a convention so organized are entitled to a decision in their favor.

Under the rules ordered by you we would be deprived of the right to prove the regularity or legality of the convention which elected Mr. Bond chairman. The legal status of the two conventions depends entirely upon the legality of the temporary and permanent organization. We claim that we are the only ones who legally organized said convention and are ready to produce the law and the testimony to sustain our claim. Yours truly,

STERLING P. BOND, Chairman.
JOHN J. FITZWILLIAMS, Secretary.

And it further appearing that both of said parties were personally notified that on March 24, 1897, at 11 a. m., said Board would hear oral arguments from said contestants and their attorneys, bearing on said question, and that on said 24th day of March, 1897, at 11 a. m., both of said parties appeared before said Board by their attorneys, to-wit: Mr. G. W. Campbell for Mr. Harrison and Messrs. Sterling P. Bond and George B. Stiles for Mr. Meriwether, and fully argued said question and submitted said matter to said Commissioners on the affidavits previously filed, and in additional affidavits submitted for Mr. Meriwether by his said attorneys, and the Board having taken said matter under advisement, and having fully considered the same, and being now fully advised of, and concerning the same, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That this Board hereby finds and adjudges that the Convention of the Democratic party heretofore, on March 20, held at the Masonic Hall and presided over by F. J. Lutz, was the regular Democratic Convention, and had present and participating therein a majority of the legally elected and accredited delegates elected to said convention, and holding certificates of election from this Board; and that the ticket nominated by said convention, headed by Edwin Harrison for Mayor, in the Regular Democratic Ticket, and is entitled to be placed on the official ballot under that caption, or heading, and that the claim of said Meriwether to have said ticket headed by him for Mayor designated as the Regular Democratic Ticket, has not been sustained by the evidence, and is accordingly denied.

There being no further business for the Board, it adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

(Signed)
GEORGE W. JONES, Chairman.
WM. FLEWELLYN SAUNDERS, Secretary.
THAD C. HARRIS, Commissioner.



THE SITUATION AT TYLER, MO.

AN ENGLISH VIEW OF THE SITUATION.



"Now, Then, You Audacious Willin', Will You Go Quietly, or Must We Use Force?"
—From Judge.

FIGHTING HARD
FOR THE LEVEES.

HELENA SAFE, BUT THE NEIGH-
BORHOOD IN DANGER.

THE OUTLOOK IS UNCERTAIN.

Tyler's Entire Population, With Its
Live Stock, Huddled on an Acre
Heap of Sawdust.

The following changes in the rivers (in
feet and tenths) have occurred:

Risen—Cairo, 0.1; Kansas City, 1.0;
Helena, Ark., 0.1; Vicksburg, 0.4; New Or-
leans, 0.4; Arkansas City, 0.6.

Fallen—Nashville, 2.3; Memphis, 0.1.

They are above the danger line and ris-
ing at Cairo, 11.6; Helena, Ark., 12.5; Vicks-
burg, 6.8; Arkansas City, 8.7.

They are above the danger line and fall-
ing at Nashville, 2.7; Memphis, 3.7.

The following heavy precipitation (in
inches) was reported: Portland, Me., 1.01;
Sydney, 3.00.

Storm signals are displayed on the At-
lantic Coast at Hatteras and from New
York City to Eastport.

The river at St. Louis will continue to
rise, and will reach about 24 feet by
Saturday and about 25 feet by Sunday
morning.

The Missouri and Upper Mississippi will
also continue to rise—a rise of at least one
foot being indicated from Keokuk south to
Hannibal, and about one and one-half
feet from Hannibal to the mouth of the
Missouri River by Saturday morning.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

HELENA, Ark., March 25.—The situation
here is more reassuring, although there has
been a rise of a good inch and a quarter
for the past twenty-four hours. The steam-
boat Grace Velle came down out of the
St. Francis River last night, where she had
gone to bring out some stock, people and
cotton seed, and reported a rise at High
Banks of three inches from 7 o'clock yester-
day morning until noon, when she left for
this port. This would seem to indicate that
we have not yet had the full force and ef-
fect of the water, which has been deflected
from the main channel by reason of the
breaks in the levees in the St. Francis
River.

The ferryboat Maude came in yesterday
from the overflowed country about Modoc,
bringing a half dozen white families, with
all their household effects, provisions,
mules and horses. The Maude was back
down the river at 4 o'clock and will bring
up a load of cattle, people and provisions.
The steamboat Zip McCoy and barges ar-
rived at 9 o'clock this forenoon for Cheek
& Avenue, bringing the family of Mrs. M. J.
Oliver and all her cattle, mules and pro-
visions. Mrs. Oliver's magnificent plantation
lies outside of the levee in the bend across
from Island No. 66. The water was five feet
deep in the Oliver residence.

Another break occurred in the levee nine
miles below Modoc early last night at Daw-
son's. The Titan reported the break as be-
ing five hundred feet wide. Capt. Notley
of the Titan is of the opinion that practi-
cally all the levees below Modoc will be
swept away. The water is right at the
top of the levee for miles and miles and
it is simply impossible to command enough
men to hold it. He believes Maj. Purvis
will be able to hold the first levee thirty
miles below this city, and he is con-
centrating all his forces with that view. It

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SUGAR TRUST SCHEME.

To Go Into the Sugar Beet Business in
Colorado.

DENVER, Colo., March 25.—John E.
Searles, Secretary and Treasurer of the
American Sugar Refining Co., is in Denver.
Although he refuses to talk in regard to
the objects of his visit to Colorado, the
Denver Republican says: "It is understood
that, in association with David H. Moffat,
the Denver banker and mine-owner, the
Sugar Trust is about to inaugurate a gi-
gantic project for manufacturing beet
sugar in Colorado. If carried to a suc-
cessful issue it will involve an outlay of from
\$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. When approached on
the subject recently Mr. Moffat is quoted as
having said that he stood ready to invest
\$1,000,000 in the industry, provided proper
conditions for carrying it on could be se-
cured. As a preliminary to planting beets
and building refineries, so it is authorita-
tively stated, the projectors of the scheme
have secured control of the La Junta and
Lamar Canal and the large tracts of land
that underlie it."

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS.

Ohio Man Assaulted and Robbed in
Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 25.—B. L. Carber was
found unconscious early this morning in
an alley with a bullet wound in his head.
He is lying at the County Hospital in a cri-
tical condition. Carber's home is in Belle-
ville, O. His pockets were turned inside
out. The police think he was assaulted and
robbed and then dragged into the alley.

TEACHER COMMITS SUICIDE.

She Shot Herself While Suffering
From Insanity.

GALESBURG, Ill., March 25.—Kittie G.
Clark, for twenty-seven years a prominent
and successful teacher in the city schools
here, has committed suicide by shooting
herself through the heart while temporarily
insane.

HUNTER STILL SHORT.

Not Enough Votes Yet to Elect Him
Senator.

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH.
FRANKFORT, Ky., March 25.—The joint
ballot for United States Senator in the Leg-
islature resulted: Hunter, 67; Blackburn, 49;
Boyle, 6; Davis, 13; Stone, 1. No election.

FRANKFORT MULCTED.

Pauline Martin Gets \$5,000 Damages
for an Accident.

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH.
FRANKFORT, Ky., March 25.—By a de-
cision of the Court of Appeals this morning
Pauline Martin, the singer, is given damages
against the city for \$5,000 for a broken limb.
She fell in an open cellar en route to the
depot.



SEEN FROM A STEAMER.

WILL TAKE IT
TO THE COURTS.

MERIWETHER MEN REJECT THE
COMMISSIONERS' RULING.

BOND SAYS THEY WILL WIN.

How the Verdict That the Harrison
Ticket Is Regular Was Received
by the Factions.

The Election Commissioners met at 11
o'clock Thursday morning and decided that
the Harrison ticket should be placed on the
ballot under the caption, "Regular Demo-
cratic Ticket."

Chairman Ed Devoy and Secretary A. C.
Maroney of the Democratic City Executive
Committee, Thomas E. Barrett, Secretary
of the Harrison Campaign Committee; Ben
F. Brady and Charles O'Brien, all Harrison
supporters, were present, as were also Ster-
ling P. Bond and George Stear, attorneys for
the Meriwether ticket.

The Board of Election Commissioners held
a brief executive session, and at 11 o'clock
President Jones came out of his office and
handed a copy of the decision to Chairman
Devoy.

It required only a glance for Mr. Devoy
to see which side had won the victory, and
he shouted:

"The Harrison ticket has been declared
regular!"

By this time quite a number of politicians
had flocked to the office, and there was
loud applause.

Sterling P. Bond remained for a few min-
utes and read the decision of the board be-
fore leaving for Meriwether's office in the
Wainwright Building.

"I expected the board to make this de-
cision," said Mr. Bond to a Post-Dispatch
man, "but the Meriwether people will not
let the matter rest here. We shall go into
the courts for a decision. We will test this
case by instituting mandamus proceedings
against the board to compel it, if possible,
to place the Meriwether ticket on the bal-
lot as the 'Regular Democratic Ticket.' We
may file our papers in court this afternoon."

The Board of Election Commissioners at
its meeting Wednesday accepted the evi-
dence filed by both sides, and heard the
arguments of Mr. Bond and of Mr. Meriwether
and the Meriwether ticket, and the argument
of Given Campbell for the Harrison ticket.

Mr. Meriwether people filed on Wednesday
an affidavit signed by 138 men claiming to
be delegates holding Election Board
credentials to the convention, and the argu-
ment of Given Campbell for the Harrison ticket.
The board then adjourned until 11 o'clock
Thursday morning, and adjourned until
Harrison leaders time to submit rebuttal
evidence against this Meriwether affidavit
of 138 names.

The Harrison leaders Thursday sub-
mitted individual affidavits of eight delegates
from the Fourth Ward, whose names were
on the Meriwether affidavit, to the effect
that they did not swear to any paper. The
form of each affidavit was:

"I, blank being duly sworn on his oath
says that he participated in the Har-
rison Convention; that he did not vote
for Sterling P. Bond for temporary or
permanent Chairman of said conven-
tion, but voted to accept the officers
appointed by the City Committee, and
the only paper he signed was a paper
purporting to be a petition to have Mr.
Devoy reconvene the convention, and
—he did not swear to any paper what-
ever."

The men making these affidavits were:
Phil Burgess, George W. Aring, James Don-
ovan; M. A. Carroll, holding a proxy for
Dennis Carroll; Thomas McQuinn, Thos.
Hart and John M. Roche.

These affidavits were sworn to before
Judge Spaulding as Notary Public.

As further rebuttal evidence to break
down the Meriwether list of 138 names, Thos.
E. Barrett filed the following:

Honorable Board of Election Commis-
sioners: Upon examination of the af-
fidavits filed on the part of the Meriwether
committee, I find: First, The follow-
ing names appear on said affidavit as
delegates to said convention, to-wit:
Tenth Ward—Edward E. Wood, Matt H.
Dunn; Eleventh Ward—F. E. Brown, Au-
gust Kammerer; Seventeenth Ward—
W. Lee Simmons; Twenty-seventh Ward—
Walter Vrooman; Twenty-third Ward—
Frank M. Rodeck. Total, 13.

Second, that in the Eleventh Ward
John Ellspermann signed as a proxy for
John A. Piper of the Eleventh Ward,
and Mr. Piper also signed said affida-
vit. John A. Piper, Rockman, signed as
proxy for R. N. Bookins of the Eleventh
Ward and R. N. Bookins signed
for himself.

Third, that in the said affidavit ap-
pears the following names from the
Fourth Ward: George W. Aring, Thos.
McQuinn, Edward Gartland, Philip
Burgess, Joseph T. Donovan, James
V. Carroll, John M. Roche and Thomas
Hart; that said names were not at-
tached to said affidavit for the pur-
poses therein mentioned, and that said
men did not make affidavit to any
paper whatever. Respectfully sub-
mitted.

THOS. E. BARRETT,
Secretary Harrison Committee.

Thus seventeen names were knocked off
the Meriwether list, leaving but 121 qualified
delegates who claimed to have voted for
Bond for temporary chairman.

On the showing of the evidence as sub-
mitted the Board took but a few minutes
to decide that the Harrison ticket was
regular.

The Harrison leaders threaten to make
it very uncomfortable for R. P. Browning,
the Notary Public who claims that the Mer-
iwether affidavit of 138 names over his no-
tarial seal. Seven of the ten delegates of
that ward have made sworn affidavits that
they never swore to any paper on the day
of the convention.

Browning says he carried the paper
around the convention in Masonic Hall, and
that the Fourth Ward men did not sign it,
but admits that they might not have un-
derstood his explanation of the document.

The Meriwether headquarters at 415 Olive
street have been crowded all day with his
supporters.

The following deaths have been re-
ported in the city during the twenty-four
hours ending at noon:

HELENA BIRN, 66, 188 De Kalb; asthma.
WM. REED, 24, City Hospital; consump-
tion.

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followers, and notwithstanding their defeat before the Election Board they exhibit almost absolute confidence that they will win in the courts.

The Meriwether people say they will produce affidavits to show that enough Harrison delegates were absent when the vote for Bond for temporary chairman was taken to make the number voting for Bond a legal majority.

Posted on the wall in the Meriwether headquarters appears the following: (Copy of letter from member of State Democratic Committee.)

Headquarters Democratic Central Committee—Hon. J. Meriwether, St. Louis, Mo.: Dear Sir—I notice by the papers that you will not compromise. This is the way to success. You are sure of nomination or else Devoe & Co. would never have instituted that high-handed conspiracy and a member of the State Committee, and if I can serve you in any way call on me. Yours truly, (Name withheld for the present by request.)

Chairman Greyson refused to say whether this State committee was from the city or country. He said they had the letter on file.

The following letter is also exhibited: ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 24.—Lee Meriwether, Esq.: Dear Sir—I am glad to see that you will not withdraw from the race for Mayor. I voted for you at the primary and shall vote for you on election day, and will do all I can for your success. Wishing you success, I am, yours very respectfully, W. C. BARTLETT.

Mr. Bartlett is President of the Bartlett Candy Company, and resides at 412 Spaulding avenue.

Mr. Meriwether will soon be the political Casablanca, if his colleagues on the Bolter ticket continue to support him. He has drawn from the Council of the City of St. Louis a resolution not to let his name go to the ballot as Auditor of the City of St. Louis. He does not want to be the Meriwether candidate for City Marshal, nor does he want to be the candidate for Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Besides these gentlemen who have already notified the Election Commissioners it is understood that Fred Espenhorst for City Treasurer, Norman J. Colman for Comptroller, are expected to withdraw, now that the ticket has been declared irregular. These, with the candidates who are on both tickets, leave only Patrick Fitzgerald, Charles J. Kelly, Alfred C. Gould and James H. Starnes to keep Mr. Meriwether company.

Kelly and Fitzgerald say they will withdraw if the courts declare the Meriwether convention irregular.

ROBBED HIS EMPLOYERS.

Michigan Man Ran Away, but Was Caught at New York.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Anton Christensen of Michigan was arrested here to-day, charged with having swindled the Ridgeway (Mich.) Creamery Co. out of \$40,000.

The arrest was made at the request of Michigan. It alleged that Christensen, while acting as manager of the creamery company, appropriated the funds. His scheme is said to have been to take to himself from 3 to 5 cents a pound on every pound of butter sent out by the creamery. When arrested he was negotiating for the disposition of forty kegs of butter which he had consigned to the firm.

He admitted that he was the man they were after, but denied his stealings amounted to anything like \$40,000.

When searched he was found to have a revolver, a gold watch, \$1,337 in money, a bank book of the Lilly State Bank of Columbus, Mich., and two checks on the Irving National Bank of New York for \$17,000 and \$23,000.

The prisoner said that when he found he was liable to be discovered for his thefts, he decided to get together what money he could and go to Denmark.

HILLSBORO FRAUDS.

Democratic Charges Fully Sustained by the Evidence.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

HILLSBORO, Mo., March 25.—Taking evidence in the election contest here closed at noon to-day. The argument was made this afternoon and permission given Republican attorneys to file a written brief later.

The mass of evidence will be taken and considered by the Judge and a decision rendered probably two weeks from now.

The burden of the case was on witnesses introduced by Republicans to combat the charges of fraud that they did not do it. Several election officers were put on the stand to testify to the fact that a ballot was cast in a trap and identified by a ballot as one voted at his precinct while in fact it had never been voted anywhere, and those who succeeded him were more careful, and their evidence did not amount to much. The charges of fraud were clearly sustained. Future proceedings may discover the guilty parties.

DEFIED THE DOG CATCHERS.

Cyrus Mitchell Rescued His Entrapped Pet With a Revolver.

Cyrus Mitchell, colored, and his dog were passing Thirteenth and Chestnut street Thursday noon when dog catchers sneaked up on him and had the pup swinging in the air at the end of a wire nose before one could say Jack Robinson. Louis Gruen of 224 Cherokee street was the expert who snared the dog, and he started to the wagon with his victim.

Mitchell heard the choking yelps of his pet, and drawing a pistol ordered Gruen to release the dog. Gruen, who was aided by Robert Gerke, another dog catcher, came to his assistance. Both the dog catchers had revolvers. The charges of using them, Mitchell not only compelled them to release the dog, but also chased them down the street.

The dog catchers hunted up Policemen Flanagan and Francis Mitchell, and charged of disturbing the peace was placed against him.

HE SPOKE TOO LATE.

Lawyer Dalton's Information About an Unsworn Jury Became Stale.

The claim that the jury that tried the case of Charles Sackett against Hodges Bros. & Pommer, several weeks ago, was not sworn, was made by Lawyer H. M. Dalton in arguing a motion for a new trial in Judge Spencer's Court Thursday. Dalton stated that he knew this because he was so informed after the first witness was sworn in the case. His information was a jurymen who was not needed in the panel.

Judge Spencer informed Dalton that he should have rectified the error at the time and declined to consider the claim. The other grounds for the new trial were taken under advisement by Judge Spencer.

The suit was for \$500 on a promissory note given by Hodges Bros. & Pommer.

HIS LAST HOPE GONE.

Isaac B. Bristol's Case Disposed of by the Court of Appeals.

The motion for a re-hearing filed by Isaac B. Bristol in his suit against Major Walbridge to prevent his removal from the House of Refuge was overruled by the Court of Appeals Thursday.

Railroad employees all believe in Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the old standby.

Editor Kennedy Dead.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Alex M. Kennedy, Secretary of the National Association of Veterans of the Mexican War, died here to-day, aged 73 years, after an illness of nearly four years.

Parker's Hair Balsam is the favorite for dressing the hair and renewing its life and color.

Parker's Ginger Tonic cures inward pains.

COMFORT AND KNOWLEDGE.

(Sent free by mail.)

Set aside for twenty-four hours a bottle of common glass filled with urine. A sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, kills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail. Mention St. Louis Post-Dispatch and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

FIGHTING HARD FOR THE LEVEES.

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will be a nip and tuck fight, however. Maj. Levee is being aided by Sam Rombert, Pillow, Pat McCadden and other experts, and the situation will be desperate indeed. The city of St. Louis is being threatened from all sides by the forces of the levee.

At this writing all the refugees who have been brought out of the overflowed district have been given shelter in the city, which is the only place where they are all thrifty. Well-to-do farmers who are able to provide for themselves except in the matter of shelter. The city of St. Louis is in a dangerous position. The levee is being fought hard, but the city is in a dangerous position. The levee is being fought hard, but the city is in a dangerous position.

Many of the afflicted people have no desire to leave their homes, preferring to remain on scraps of levee, Indian mounds and such small boats as they have hastily constructed for the occasion. They and their wives and children to Helena, how remaining themselves to care for their stores.

At Modoc the situation is frightful. Joe McGuffey, one of the leading citizens of the county, lives in hourly dread of seeing his residence and all his possessions swept away. He has it anchored to some large cottonwood trees with stout tow ropes, but he is very swift and in any event his farm will be ruined. As the steamer McCoy passed Modoc on her way to St. Louis, she was loaded with refugees and related with tears in his eyes the story of his heroic efforts to save the accumulation of his lifetime.

The tug Welcome, with a lot of barges, lashed with steel cables, spades, sacks and shingles, came to anchor at 10 o'clock this forenoon, and the Titan for Yellow Banks Bayou, where the steamer McCoy passed, started on her way. The report from the levee is that the kind of a fight is being made. The steamer McCoy passed Modoc on her way to St. Louis, she was loaded with refugees and related with tears in his eyes the story of his heroic efforts to save the accumulation of his lifetime.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 25.—The Mississippi River continues to fall, the gauge at Cairo, Mo., showing a drop of 1.5 feet to-day. The Citizens' Relief Committee issued an official report notifying the outside world that the levee at Cairo, Mo., is in a dangerous position. The levee is being fought hard, but the city is in a dangerous position.

NEW MADRID, Mo., March 25.—The town of New Madrid is being inundated. The water is confined to the southern and eastern portions. The levee is being fought hard, but the city is in a dangerous position.

CHARLESTON, Mo., March 25.—At Bird's Point Wednesday a new flood of water into the town. The station, which the railroad agent remained alone in the building all night, being unable to leave it. The residence of William Kenrick was torn from its foundation and floated down the river. The levee is being fought hard, but the city is in a dangerous position.

CAIRO, Ill., March 25.—The condition of the people at Tyler, Mo., is miserable. The only thing above the overflow is a small island about 100 feet wide in extent. On this are gathered the entire population of the town, about 100 persons in all, together with 30 head of horses, 200 head of cattle. The water is almost to the eaves of the houses. The levee is being fought hard, but the city is in a dangerous position.

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50 doz Straw Hats, all the correct spring shapes, value 75c, at.....	39c
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Handsomely trimmed Hats, Toques and Bonnets, worth \$5.00, at.....	\$2.98
Beautifully trimmed Hats and Bonnets, \$7.00 values, elsewhere here to-morrow.....	\$3.49
Exquisitely designed Trimmed Hats, value \$10.00, at.....	\$4.98
30 Black Brillanties, worth \$2.00, at.....	79c
Handsome Black Figured Brillianties, value \$2.00, at.....	\$1.98
100 more of our new Silk Skirts, Persian patterns, well made, stylishly cut, full 4 yards, value \$2.50, at.....	\$3.98
300 Ladies' Tan Melton Coats, English fly front velvet collar, taffeta silk lining, worth \$15.00, at.....	\$7.98
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leaves yet, and the Big Four levee and the track from Cairo to Cache River are looked upon as entirely safe. The river is stationary by this evening. Mound City is all right. The River Commission arrived here this morning and the levee at Mound City, with the New Idelwild, D. H. Pike and two barges, passed to St. Louis. Word from relief boats sent south from Mound City shows they have rescued all people in trouble between here and Caruthersville.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

PADUCAH, Ky., March 25.—The river is 10 feet and stations are in danger. This morning, but the lighter is now cold and clear. All suffering from the flood has about been alleviated. Over \$600 was levied in twenty-four hours for the sufferers. The river will probably be falling by to-night.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

HANNIBAL, Mo., March 25.—The river is still rising rapidly at this point, and fears of serious damage are being expressed. The gauge at the bridge this morning registered 14 feet above the levee. The danger line here is 14 feet, and that stage will be reached by the river in a few hours. The levee on the opposite side of the river will stand nearly 10 feet of water, provided the conditions are favorable, but heavy rains would loosen the innumerable causes of the levee. Those who reside on the low lands are moving their stock and household effects to safety and preparing for the worst.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 25.—Weather Observer Connor gives it as his opinion that the river at this point will have reached its height for the present at 9 o'clock to-night, and will begin to recede. The gauge at Kansas City at noon to-day was 18.2, just one foot higher than yesterday.

At Leavenworth, Kan., the river began falling last night and at noon to-day the stage was a fraction below normal. At the same time yesterday it was 4.1. All danger for the present at least is believed to be over.

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MEMPHIS IS GRATEFUL.

Her Own Resources Not Sufficient to Care for All the Sufferers.

Secretary Morgan of the Merchants' Exchange received Thursday the following letter from the Citizens' Relief Committee for overflow sufferers at Memphis, in reply to a telegram asking what aid St. Louis could render:

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 24.

Mr. George H. Morgan, Secretary Merchants' Exchange, St. Louis, Mo.:

Dear Sir—Referring to your telegram, and of letter of yesterday, will say that a general meeting of the Citizens' Relief Committee was called to-day at 9 o'clock, so that we might write you more fully in reply to your kind offer. I will first state that we have a relief committee of our very best citizens, and from this committee was selected an executive committee of five gentlemen, who are managing the relief work. We are extending to the suffering humanity all the relief that we can give. The report from the one in charge of the rescue of relief boats. There have been brought to this city on steamers, barges and otherwise about six and seven thousand refugees, about three-fourths of whom are destitute.

This branch of the Relief Service we find to date have brought here about 1,500 of live stock, which is still a large amount. There is still a large amount of stock now on ridges of land, and on narrow strips of levee, that can be saved by the use of the levee. The relief work is now accomplishing. The relief work is now accomplishing. The relief work is now accomplishing.

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Finest Percale, in newest styles, light and dark double point yoke inside waist, extra wide, new sleeves, only.....

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Black Wool Brocade Skirt, well made, good wetsen binding, would be a bargain at \$1.25, Friday, each.....

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Black and Navy French serge, also assorted lot of silk and wool mixtures; you would think them cheap at \$1.00; Friday, each.....

BLACK GOODS BARGAINS.

40c Mohair Jacquard, yard.....

Colored Dress Goods Special.

All Pure Wool Checks and Check Suits, all new and stylish, positively worth \$2.00; Friday, yard.....

LACES. Our prices advertise us quickly.

200 yards Cream and Butter Color No. 100 Original and Point de Anglaise Laces, from 3 to 4 inches wide, exquisite patterns; Friday, yard.....

EMBROIDERIES.

1500 yards Cambric and Nainsook Embroideries, fast edges, 1 to 3 inches wide; exquisite patterns; Friday, yard.....

MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

Money-saving prices.

Men's Seamless Fast Black and Dark Tans, Cotton Half-hose, apical heels and toes; sell on sight.....

HOSIERY. Reliable goods cheap.

Ladies 40-gauge Black Cotton Hose, regular make, high spliced heels and toes; a genuine bargain; see the host of others, equally as good (per pair).....

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Lot of 12-inch Steel River Percales, you all know what they are; worth 10c; Friday.....

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Fancy Silk Garter, which sold so amazingly at 25c, closing out last.....

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To make a clean sweep have marked remainder of 75c and \$1.00 Garnitures, each.....

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DEATHS.

BRADLEY—Wednesday, March 24, at 12 noon, Mary Bradley (Auntie).

Funeral from family residence, 204 Montgomery street, Friday, March 26, at 9 a. m. to Sacred Heart Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends invited to attend.

BAKER—On Wednesday, March 24, at 112 Morrison avenue, William Wainwright.

WOOD—Mary Ann Wood, on Thursday, March 25, at 12 a. m., beloved mother of Mrs. W. F. Wood, Mrs. Chas. H. Wood and W. E. Wood.

Funeral from 1211 Washington avenue, St. Louis, on Friday morning at 9 o'clock mass, "Rest in peace."

WARD—On Wednesday, March 24, at 12:15, at 830 o'clock p. m., Bryan Ward, beloved son of T. J. and Della Ward (nee Passon), aged 8 months and 13 days.

Funeral will take place Friday, March 26, at 2 o'clock p. m., from family residence, 204 Montgomery street, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

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CHAMP CLARK.

DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY IN THE NEXT CONGRESS ASSURED.

ON ACCOUNT OF THE TARIFF.
Terry Simpson Also Makes Some Good Points During the Dingley Bill Discussion.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Champion Clark, of Missouri, today utilized fifteen minutes time today in showing up the false pretense of the Dingley bill. He spoke with his usual vigor and directness and was frequently applauded on the Democratic side. Mr. Clark said that it was not possible to compensate the farmers for the increased tax on all the necessities by putting "dragons" blood and cat-paw on the free list.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—This was the last day of the general debate on the tariff bill in the House. Mr. Talbert (Dem.) of South Carolina, in the presence of a very scant audience, both on the floor and in the galleries, opened the debate. The house, however, rapidly filled. Mr. Talbert talked a great deal about the robber barons.

Mr. Champ Clark (Dem.) of Missouri, who followed him, said as a Democratic politician he rejoiced in the passage of the tariff bill because after it had become law every farmer would be obliged to make a Democratic speech every time he made a sale. The passage of this bill, he said, would give the Democrats 100 majority in the next Congress.

After some brief remarks by Mr. Maguire (Dem.) of California, and Mr. Gunn (Pop.) of Idaho, Mr. Tawney (Rep.) of Minnesota, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, took the floor for twenty minutes. Mr. Tawney defended the tariff bill, which he said had no criticism to make of the rates. He only asked that they be collected.

Mr. Tawney asked that the classification in this schedule be such that the duties could not be evaded. The purpose of the framers of the schedule was to give meritorious labor employment in the mining of Mexican and Canadian ores and at the same time fully protect the American lead miners.

Mr. Tawney sketched the attitude of the two parties on the subject of the tariff to show how steadfastly the Republicans had clung to protection and how the Democrats had backed and filled in their national platforms.

Mr. Simpson (Pop.) of Kansas entertained the House for five minutes. He read from Mr. McKinley's speech at the Minneapolis Convention the statement that the foreigner paid the tax. This statement, he said, was ridiculous. The last Congress, he proceeded to say, had increased appropriations \$20,000,000, and now according to Mr. McKinley's theory the surplus should be increased to pay for the extravagance.

He said that the last Congress had not been a two-billion Congress. If the taxes on the foreigner could be sufficiently increased, he observed sarcastically, the surplus could be distributed among our people and every day would be Sunday for the workers.

He said he was himself a farmer. Who farmed the farms, not the farmers, if the Republicans had desired to do something practical for the farms, why, he asked, had they left hidden on the island of Hawaii?

Mr. Simpson announced himself a free trader.

THE SENATE.
Another Executive Session on the Arbitration Treaty.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The Senate today, after brief discussion, referred the amended credentials of John Henderson, of Florida, appointed to succeed ex-Senator Call to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Executive session on the arbitration treaty. Bittering Postmaster.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—President McKinley is considering naming Maj. John L. Bittering as Postmaster at St. Joseph, Mo. Bittering was hated for the Swiss Mission, but it is likely that he will be used to break the deadlock in the St. Joseph Postoffice.

Treasury Statement.
WASHINGTON, March 25.—Today's statement of the condition of the Treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$13,887,938; gold reserve, \$13,745,980.

BOTHMAN IS MINUS A ROLL.
The Professional Bondsman Says His Porter Took \$150.

Fritz Bothman, the saloon-keeper and professional bondsman, directly opposite the Four Courts, reported to the police yesterday that his porter, William Koch, had run away with \$150 of Bothman's money.

Bothman said he gave Koch a bundle of four warrants, amounting to \$150, for the purpose of taking them to the Treasurer's office and get the warrants. Bothman said he took the warrants, obtained the money and failed to return to the saloon. Bothman says Koch comes of a good family.

NEW JOB FOR WALBRIDGE.
Mrs. Holland of Alabama Assigns Him to Find Her Truant Husband.

Mrs. Bettie Holland of Greenville, Butler County, Ala., writes to Mayor Walbridge that her husband, George Steven Holland, left her in August, 1894.

"I want you to find him," she says in the letter. "And if he is married to some one else arrest him for wife abandonment. He is in St. Louis. If he is not married can you make him by law send me a little money every month?"

SIMPLE AT FIRST.
It is Foolish to Neglect Any Form of Piles. Cure Them at the Beginning.

CAMP AT ST. LOUIS THE PRESSURE.

THE PRESIDENT BOUND TO PUT BILL FORMAN OUT.

PLACE PROMISED TO SCOTT.
But the Rumor Goes That the Foxy Illinois Gold Will Be United States Treasurer.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—A change in the Internal Revenue Commission is likely to be made within a short time. It was understood when W. S. Forman was appointed in the eleventh hour of the Cleveland administration that he was to be allowed to retain his position for some time as a representative of the gold Democracy of Illinois, and as a recognition of the work done by that party in preventing the silver Democratic party from carrying that State. It transpires, however, since the election that that place was promised to N. B. Scott, of Wheeling, W. Va., who was in charge of Republican headquarters in New York during the campaign.

It is said that both Secretary and President McKinley were willing that Comptroller Forman should remain in his present position for some time, but that the pressure on the part of the West Virginia Republicans has been too great for them to withstand. In order to obviate the necessity for the removal of Forman, Mr. Scott was offered position as Treasurer of the United States, which also pays \$6,000 a year. He has preferred the internal revenue position, and therefore held out for the literal fulfillment of the promise which he had made to the gold Democracy. Gov. Atkinson of West Virginia and Senator Elkins urged the President to make the change some days ago.

It is now understood by Mr. Scott's friends that his appointment will be made out, so that Forman will not be turned out of the Treasury Department but will be transferred to the office of United States Treasurer. Messrs. Cox of Tennessee and McKee of Ohio attacked the whole measure. Mr. Daisel (Rep.) of Pennsylvania, made a warm speech in support of the bill and an attack on the Wilson bill, which he said had been introduced by the Democrats to "bury" the silver cause and "starve" the silver miners. He defended the pending bill against charges that it fostered trusts and said free trade England had far more trusts than the United States.

JAPAN'S COURSE.
Not Discouraging to Silver Men in This Country.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Senator Jones of Arkansas and other leaders of the silver cause are going to keep up the movement. The passage of the bill and the movement of the silver men are going to be kept up. The silver men are still for silver and ready for the next battle in behalf of silver. They believe, too, that the next battle will be won for silver.

Mr. Jones was asked if the adoption of the single gold standard by Japan had proved discouraging to the silver men in this country.

"Not at all," he replied. "Why should it? If the money received about the transaction is correct, our contention about money is sustained by Japan's action. The silver men are still for silver and ready for the next battle in behalf of silver. They believe, too, that the next battle will be won for silver."

These Want Offices.
They Will Probably Have to Wait Awhile.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
WASHINGTON, March 25.—R. P. McClure, who wants to be Surveyor of Customs at St. Louis, has filed his application and will wait the dawn of prosperity, which will be the date when his application is favorably acted on. The Missourians are not so hopeful as they were three weeks ago, and they are waiting for the dawn of prosperity, which will be the date when his application is favorably acted on.

Job for Fred Grant.
He Is to Be Appointed Minister to Austria.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—President McKinley has decided to send Col. Fred Grant back to his old post at Vienna. He was Minister to Austria under the Harrison administration. This appointment, it is said, will be the only recognition that sons of ex-presidents will receive.

NEW YORK DEMOCRACY.
David B. Hill Has Plans for Reorganization.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
ALBANY, N. Y., March 25.—Former Senator David B. Hill has begun the task of getting the Democrats in the State into good working order again. He has had long talks with Mayor John Boyd Thacher and Chairman Chase of the General Committee, who was a staunch supporter of Bryan, but is working in harmony with Mr. Hill. Every direction Hill is making every effort to build up organization.

DWIGHT DURKEE'S WILL.
A Large Estate Distributed Among Relatives and Charities.

The will of the late Dwight Durkee of 2808 Locust street was filed in the Probate Court Thursday morning. The deceased bequeathed \$500 to the Episcopal Church and \$500 to St. Luke's Hospital. \$100 to Dwight Durkee, Jr., a grandson, and the residue to the children of the late Helen E. Durkee, the widow, whose share is to be held in trust by D. G. Evans of St. Louis and W. B. Brown of St. Louis. The residue is left to the daughters of deceased Durkee, namely, Misses E. A. Anderson, Mrs. H. E. Bridge and Miss Laura C. Durkee. The executors are C. E. Durkee and L. D. Durkee.

MEKEEL'S IN TROUBLE.
Two Deeds of Trust Filed by the Stamp Company.

Two chattel deeds of trust were filed in the Recorder's office Thursday morning by the J. B. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Company, of 331-33 Morgan street. One deed was to W. P. Beckhold as trustee for the Beckhold Printing Company and other creditors. It was for \$13,325. The second deed was for \$10,000 and made to W. P. Beckhold and Wm. A. Funk, as trustees for \$3 creditors.

Hard times are given as the cause of the trouble, the claim being made that the business depression affected the stamp trade and the manufacture of stamp albums to a degree not felt in other lines of business.

10c White Goods 24c

100 yards India Linen and Checked Handkerchiefs, slightly soiled, 10c quality. Sale Price...

25c Lace Curtains. 28 pair Nottingham Lace and 28 pair Net Curtains, 25c quality. Sale Price...

5c Ribbons. 2400 yards Ribbon, including satin, silk, and wool, 5c quality. Sale Price...

10c Men's Shirts. In every degree of damage, from badly burned to only smoked, and even as good as new, 10c quality. Sale Price...

25c Laces. 135 pieces Point d'Irlande Fancy Cotton and Pillow Case Laces, 25c quality. Sale Price...

10c Linens. 100 pieces fine Net Top Oriental Laces, 10c quality. Sale Price...

5c Embroideries. 2500 yards Hamburg and Swiss Edgings, 5c quality. Sale Price...

10c Notions. 5000 Spool Silk Twist, worth 25c each; Sale Price, 10c.

5c Silks. 2500 yards Black and White Surah Silk, 5c quality. Sale Price...

5c Linings 1c

1300 yards damaged Lining Cambrics, 5c quality. Sale Price...

1750 Black Spool Silk, 100 yds on spool, and worth 2c. Sale Price...

12c Rustle Lining 5c. 1200 yds yd-wide Rustle Lining, worth 12c. Sale Price...

4000 Dozen 100 yards on spool, basting quality, worth 15c. Sale Price...

12c Zephyr Gingham, 5c. 100 yds fine quality Zephyr Gingham, Pink, Blue, Brown and White Checks and Stripes, worth 12c. Sale Price...

12c Corsets. R. & G. and C. B. Corsets, extra long and medium waist, actual value \$1.25. Sale Price...

12c Drawers. Ladies' Muslin Drawers, yoke baser good muslin, hem and cluster tucks, worth 25c. Sale Price...

12c Infants' Cloaks. 100 Infants' Cloaks, worth \$1.50. Sale Price...

12c Kid Gloves. 120 dot 4-button real French Kid Gloves, in all colors, worth \$1.00. Sale Price...

12c Waist and Skirts. We take from our new stock a line of the very best values, Fire Sale. Every piece perfect up-to-date in style, unsurpassed in fit, and at FIRE SALE PRICES.

12c Corsets. 10 All-wool Cloth Skirts, latest style, worth \$4.95. Sale Price...

12c Kid Gloves. 100 Fine Kid Gloves, in all colors, worth \$1.00. Sale Price...

12c Waist and Skirts. 10 New Short Back Skirts, stylishly trimmed with velvet, worth \$2.25. Sale Price...

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In addition we bought at AUCTION in CHICAGO last week from Underwriters' Sale a large part of the stock of Koesterling & Myers, Newark, O.,

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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

MUSIC HALL—"Siegfried."
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HAYLINS—"The Fatal Card."
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MATINEES TO-MORROW.
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THE TARIFF DEBATE.

The Democratic minority in the House of Representatives has made excellent use of its small opportunities for debate of the Dingley tariff bill. Under the arbitrary rules of that body and the arbitrary rulings of its Speaker, the gag has been used to throttle discussion, but the Democrats have occupied their time to the best advantage. They have said the right thing in the right way.

There is no longer need of an educational campaign on the tariff question. The country knows the arguments by heart. But it needs another practical lesson in the operation of a tariff levied for protection only and not for revenue.

That is what it voted for last year, and that is what it is going to get. It is proper for Democrats to make a formal protest and to point out the dangers of the policy. We know from experience what the danger is. We realized it and suffered from it under the McKinley law. But the people have elected to be kicked twice by the same mule.

The Democratic tariff law has made a magnificent balance of trade in our favor. It has resulted in exports far exceeding our imports. Under ordinary conditions such results would have brought a prosperity which would have made further tariff tinkering unpopular. But we are not under ordinary conditions. We are under the gold standard.

CIVIL SERVICE LAW IN PERIL.
The strength of the demand for the repeal of the civil service law grows out of the usurpations under it committed by Cleveland and Roosevelt.

There can be no doubt that the people want to see a merit system established. In other words, public opinion demands that a man should demonstrate his fitness for a place before he gets it. Fairly strict rules should be no bar to his appointment, but it should not be his only qualification. And his official commission should be for a term and not for a life time.

The law, as adopted and as it now stands, never contemplated that a man responsible for the administration of an office should be robbed of his authority which is the natural and necessary complement of responsibility. It never intended that a Roosevelt should dictate to responsible officers of the Government how they should discharge their trusts. It never sanctioned such gross usurpations and perversions as those at Lancaster, Terre Haute and Topeka under the Cleveland-Roosevelt despotism.

Senator Allen's bill to repeal the law is said to meet with favor in both branches of Congress. There can be no doubt of it. The country is disgusted with the hypocrisy and want of sincerity of those who have posed as civil service reformers. The pendulum is about to swing back, and whether the law is repealed or not, the day of usurpers in its administration is at an end.

THE RAILWAY TRUSTS.

The country is hailing with delight the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of the Trans-Missouri Freight Association that railroad trusts are illegal and come under the prohibition of the Federal anti-trust law. This is the most telling blow against trusts that has been dealt in recent years, because of its far reaching application.

will probably take the view that if a railway combine in restraint of trade is illegal, as the Supreme Court holds, much more are combines of other kinds, about which there has been no such doubt raised.

The people will now eagerly watch what action the giant railroads will take in face of this decision. These railroads joined in the hue and cry against the people last year, because of the plank in the Chicago platform which suggested that "it is the duty of Congress to use all the constitutional power which remains" after the decision of the Supreme Court against the income tax, to equalize the burden of taxation. The railroads and the trusts generally claimed that this was "Anarchy" and a treasonable attack on the Supreme Court. Now it is the people's turn to discover who are the "Anarchists." Will the great railroad combinations and other trusts accept this decision of the Supreme Court as "assured?"

WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

President Frederick of the St. Louis Board of Assessors says that St. Louis now pays more than her share of State taxes. He adds that the District Assessors meet with constant complaints from property holders.

The rate of State tax is the same in St. Louis as in other Missouri communities. The struggle to keep down assessments is primarily a struggle to avoid the payment of an undue proportion of State tax. So far as municipal taxation is concerned, the assessment would only result in an increase of the rate if there were no other sources of municipal revenue.

But there are other sources. Under the laws of the State and under the ordinances of cities and towns, licenses, and particularly saloon licenses, are made sources of local revenue which largely decrease the assessments on real property.

The last official report of Excise Commissioner Bell showed that during the four years since the office of Excise Commissioner was created \$500,000 more of saloon license revenue was collected than during the four years preceding, when Collector Ziegenheim had charge of that work. And in Ziegenheim's term, as the records of the Government Internal Revenue Office showed, there were from 700 to 1,000 more saloons in St. Louis than since the Excise Commissioner's work began.

Millions of dollars in licenses due the city, and for the collection of which Ziegenheim was elected, have never reached the Treasury. As a result St. Louis assessments are high and we pay more than our proportion of the State tax.

ALARM IN CHICAGO.

Chicago has not been submerged by the wave of prosperity for which she cast so many votes, legal and illegal, last November. And now a Democratic candidate for Mayor, standing on a reaffirmation of the Chicago platform and personally a supporter of every principle it expressed, is practically sure of election. How sure the election of Carter Harrison is may be judged from the tone of the Chicago Republican press. The Times-Herald says:

In the election last November the glomeration elements supporting the candidacy of William J. Bryan polled 146,000 votes. He has behind him the great bulk of the Bryanites, a goodly number of Democrats who voted for McKinley, many Republicans who are in sympathy with the wide-open policy and the spoilsman's theories which he openly advocates.

Before the election last year it was treason to doubt that within twenty-four hours after the election of McKinley was conceded confidence would be restored and a commercial and financial millennium inaugurated. Now it appears that, in Chicago, the "Democrats who voted for McKinley" and "many Republicans" will support Carter Harrison on a platform embodying all the "treason" of the year.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating of it. The Republican pudding of 1896 has been found to be neither filling nor nutritious.

Our own opinion is that Carter Harrison will poll many more than 100,000 votes for Mayor of Chicago. His candidacy gives opportunity for the voicing of a protest by thousands of victims of the gold brick award. Seeing the rising tide, the Inter-Ocean warns the country not to accept the result as a repudiation of the gold standard. It is a pathetic appeal, a signal of distress. But the country will think what it pleases.

Mr. John H. Meyer of New York takes up five classes of cloth comprehended in paragraph 386 of the Dingley bill—cloth used largely in making cheap suits and overcoats for boys—and makes the following startling table:

	Net cost abroad.	New duty on net cost.	Old duty.
Repellent, 10 oz.			
4-in. wool and cotton mixed	27.17	194	40
Repellent, 14 oz.			
4-in. wool and cotton mixed	33.12	190%	40
Beaver, 25 oz.			
4-in. wool and cotton mixed	74.25	247%	40
Beaver, 35 oz.			
4-in. wool and cotton mixed	75.56	220	40
Clay worsted, 64 oz.			
14 oz.	60.22	140	40

Old duties of 100 per cent were light compared with these. This is really consuming the consumer.

Congressman Johnson of North Dakota has just declared that if the people of the South would pledge their loyalty to the doctrine of protection, the Republican party would be glad to accord to cotton the same protection given to products of the North. In other words, the South cannot be treated fairly until she votes the Republican ticket. This is bribery to support robbery.

The President is very kind to be willing to send Mr. Wolcott to Europe again on a bimetallic mission. It may help Mr. Wolcott by the exceedingly lively people of Colorado, however useless it is otherwise.

test. Every American product should have bounty in some form. The experiment of taxing ourselves into wealth ought to be thorough whenever it is made at all.

Secretary Alger has already demonstrated his incompetency. If not his dishonesty, in holding off the letting of contracts for the work at San Pedro harbor. Alger is rich enough. Why should he allow himself to become a cat's paw of Hamilton? Unless, as may possibly be the case, he has orders from Mr. Huntington's friend, the President?

There is now an agitation for anti-kinetoscope legislation. So life-like a representation of prize fights as that afforded by the Kinetoscope must have quite as evil an influence as the fight itself. The agitation is a speaking testimonial to the kinetoscope's excellence as an invention.

The prominence that the mayoralty nomination gives to Mr. Ziegenheim should only serve to render more conspicuous his evil record. Do the mass of Republicans really desire such a man to be Mayor of this great city, which so much needs honest and capable public service?

The bright features and infinite variety of the Sunday Post-Dispatch have made it the favorite Sunday newspaper of St. Louis. Its circulation is very much larger than that of any other Sunday publication in the city, as any advertiser will readily learn on full investigation.

It is not the highest wisdom to sneer at foreign consuls on the Dingley tariff bill. This bill places in the hands of foreigners an excuse for high European tariffs that will strangle the heavy foreign commerce which has this year saved us from national bankruptcy.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals decides that banks and trust companies must pay taxes as other companies do. How did so much "anarchy" get into so exalted a body as Kentucky's highest court? It was no close shave, either. The judicial vote stood 5 to 2.

Mr. McKinley is not imitating the stupidity of Cleveland and Harrison in discourtesy to the press. He is approachable and understands the value of the services rendered by the newspapers. In this respect at least Mr. McKinley is up with the times.

If free sugar was a good thing in 1890, when the Republicans claimed credit for placing it on the free list, it is a good thing in 1897. Yet the Republicans are now passing a bill which exacts \$40,000,000 per annum from the consumers of sugar.

The robust McKinley of inauguration day has become the haggard McKinley of three weeks later. Should the civil service law be repealed, what will become of this haggard man in the rush?

The Democratic differences in St. Louis have arisen from an attempt to nominate an honest candidate who would have been to the credit of the Republicans had they been similarly divided.

The wholly armless Arkansas man who makes his own living and is around in flood times to tow stock with his teeth, deserves a bouquet from Congress. Long live Bill Bell!

Mr. McMinn's denunciation of the Dingley bill as the most unconscionable effort at legislative robbery ever attempted upon a people is not an exaggeration.

It is to be hoped that the adoption of the gold standard may not bring to Japan the distress that it has brought to the United States.

The Kansas City man who has been living three years in a church steeple is doubtless taking little interest in the flood news.

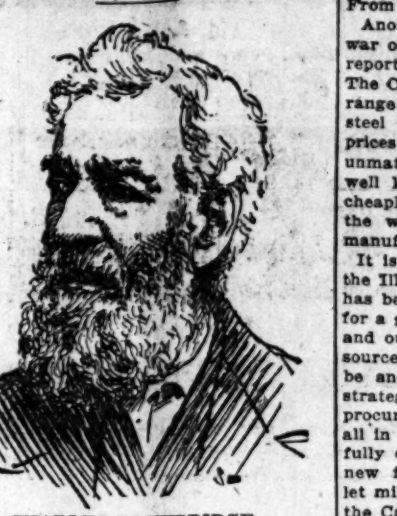
Mr. Ziegenheim's grammar would be readily forgiven if he would make a clear explanation in regard to that \$4,102 check.

The London press is disheartened at finding so much Americanism in the Senate after a British triumph at our polls.

The mixed-four miller will be loath to acknowledge the corn, even when the law shall demand a brand.

Mr. McKinley will take notice that Uncle Pully was tumultuously applauded last night.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE.



CHARLES TROWBRIDGE.
This gentleman, who recently celebrated his ninety-seventh birthday at his home in Kewanee, Ill., is the oldest Free Mason in that State, and probably in the United States. He reads with glasses and is hale and hearty, attributing his health to methodical habits and an outdoor life, having been an inveterate walker and hunter. He was born in Connecticut.

MEN OF MARK.

Ex-Postmaster-General William L. Wilson will deliver the Phi Beta Kappa oration next June at Harvard. The poem will be read by Dr. E. W. Emerson, Harvard '68.

Ricciotti Garibaldi, who, according to recent reports from Rome, has organized three regiments of volunteers for service in the Greek army in Crete, is the eldest son of the Italian patriot, Giuseppe Garibaldi.

Brother Gabriel of Baltimore has just been elected Superior General of the Order of Christian Brothers. Some years ago he was President of a Catholic college in France, and is known as the author of a number of books.

Some years ago Mr. Everts, then an ex-Senator, was about to enter a room with Senator Hoar, when he remarked: "I believe that no rules in regard to precedence have been established to cover cases like ours." "Oh, yes," replied Senator Hoar, "the 'Xs' always precede the 'Ys'."

Count Tolstoy is at present staying in St. Petersburg. At the recent celebration of the founding of the University of St. Petersburg a body of about 100 students happened to meet him on the street. They at once recognized him, and gave vent to the most demonstrative indications of their regard for him, kissing his hands and his garments, and would have carried him in triumph through the city had he not decisively protested.

WOMEN OF NOTE.

Princess Charles of Denmark is said to have written a play which Miss Ellen Terry will produce before long.

Mrs. Cora Curran of Concord, Ky., is a paperhanger of such skill that she has won the praise of the townspeople.

Miss Cable, daughter of the novelist, is devoting herself to black and white drawing. She illustrates most of her father's books.

Queen Marguerite of Italy has started a society for the improvement of ragged street children. It is her intention to endeavor to have a useful trade taught to each child.

The improvement of woman is extending into Spain. Senora Bayan, a friend of Castelar, is devoting all her time toward the extension of woman's education. She is quite famous as a writer and lecturer.

Sarah Bernhardt has taken up the theater baton. She suggests that women take to using mantillas in the evening. She has been dead ten years, but during the nineteen years they lived together as man and wife they had sixty-two children born to them, fifty-nine of the lot being males.

NEWEST JOKES.

"Willie Washington," said the friend, "is one of those people who tell everything they know." "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne wearily, "and he doesn't talk very much, either."—Washington Star.

A Language Lesson—"Taint!" exclaimed Charlie sharply, "Charlie!" said his father, reprovingly, "taint! pretty to say 'taint'!" "Ain't it?"—Somerville Journal.

First Hobo: I tink dere's somethin' crooked about dat feller; I tink he's a Yale divinity student in disguise—he's readin' a Bible. Second Hobo: Oh, no! he's all right! He's perfectly straight an' honest—I wuz wif him when he stole it!—Puck.

Carnegie Out for Scalps.

From the New York Journal.
Another stage has been reached in the war of the great ironmasters. If the latest reports from Pittsburgh can be credited, The Carnegie concern has planned to re-organize the more of its largest mills for steel rails, and to make another cut in prices down to \$11 a ton. Even with an unmatched perfection of plant—and it is well known that it can make rails more cheaply than any other establishment in the world—it is doubtful whether it can manufacture profitably at this figure.

It is simply a declaration of war against the Illinois Steel Company, and that there has been more than a smoldering hostility for a good while has been an open secret in and out of the trade. Great as are the resources of the Carnegie corporation, it will be an exhausting task to meet this fresh strategy of the enemy. True, Chicago can procure its ore more cheaply, take it for all in all, than Pittsburgh, but this will not fully offset economy of process. With the new facilities provided by changing bill mills into rail mills, it is estimated that the Carnegie people can make an output of 2,200 tons per diem, and supply at least three-quarters of the probable demand. The Illinois ironmasters dealt a heavy blow at the Pittsburgh concern in offering to make armor plate at \$30 per ton on a twenty-year contract, when Carnegie's and the Bethlehem Company insisted on \$40 as a minimum price. The steel rail output in return is a genuine threat in return.

Lives of Great Men.

From the Chicago Record.
Champ Clark, the eccentric representative from Missouri, includes an inventory of his children in his autobiography. He has six children, four sons and two daughters. He also gives a brief sketch of his wife, and alludes to his son as "Little Champ." William Henry Fleming of Georgia, however, in his autobiography, takes the prize for detail. If there is anything omitted from the time he was born to the moment he was elected to Congress, it must have been to what Uncle Remus would call "mighty po' pickens." He tells the number of prizes he received at college, the borrowing of money from Alexander St. Stephens, the salary he earned as college postmaster, and a thousand other things up to the time of "this severe and almost fatal injury by a kick in the face by a runaway horse." Altogether, Mr. Fleming's story of his life contains enough incidents for a three-volume novel.

Roads and Convicts.

From the Washington Post.
It has always seemed to us that State convicts could in no other way be employed so usefully as in roadmaking. We have not thought it quite fair to honest laboring men to subject them to the competition of convicts, neither has it seemed merciful to the convicts themselves to refuse to them the opportunity of wholesome exertion and occupation. Roadbuilding, therefore, has suggested itself to us as being in every way the best solution of the difficulty. In this way convicts can be made to render the most valuable possible service to the State; in this way their welfare, physically and morally, will be most effectively promoted; in this way honest labor will be protected against an injurious and unfair competition.

SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer.
What is the House of Representatives going to do while the Senate is leisurely debating the tariff bill? It will have a queer look for over three hundred and fifty statesmen to be twisting their thumbs while the House is in session, and adjourning every third day to keep from doing something. It is understood that this is the method to be adopted to concentrate the attention of the country on the Senate and spur that body on to action. It may turn out to be more effective to make the House the "cynosure of all eyes," much to its own disadvantage. The mistake of the tariff pushers is in the assumption that the people of this country are yearning for state revision of the tariff. They are not. They are only disturbed by the tariff, and great disturbance if the Dingley bill is not promptly enacted. The demand for more protection is among a class only, and it is not necessary to touch the tariff to raise the necessary revenue.

Old Friends Parting.

From the Washington Post.
The pals of last year's gold campaign continue to grow apart. Here is the New York Tribune illuminated supplement poking fun at Princeton's most distinguished citizen.

SONG.

From the New York Press.
Heigh-ho! There 'mid the grasses,
Creeping thro' scents of the summery day;
Hunting the low-hiding strawberry-passes,
Heigh-ho! Babes must play!

Sun in the west,
Go to your rest,
When day is ended—then
Slumber is best!

Heigh-ho! There in the grasses,
Standing waist-high with the blue sky above;
Waiting the tryst while the afternoon
Heigh-ho! Maidens must love!

Eyes for the test,
Hearts are confounded;
When loved-ones beckon—then
Slumber is best!

Heigh-ho! There 'neath the grasses,
Lying where softly the summer wind blows,
Naught is more how the sweet season passes,
Heigh-ho! So the world goes!

Hands on the breast,
And yonder to rest,
When love is over—then
Slumber is best!

POST WHIMPER.

Mrs. Johnson: I'll bet dat dem repekation eagles round yere doan kerry off no me' chillun ob mine.

CALVE IN "CARMEN."

A woman of opulent figure, of undulant, snake-like motions, full of abrupt and abundant gestures, her face the perfect type of tropical oval, a saucy nose, eyes of alluring depths and shadows, a low, broad brow, curving beneath an aureole of raven tresses, feet and fingers forever twitching with angorous impudence, lips nervous, sensuous, trembling, low laughing, now curling with scorn, now in a riot of color and in modes to accentuate the insinuating voluptuousness of form, ways that tantalize and soothe, sweet and tart, frivolous and earnest, tender and indifferent, with hell in her eyes and heaven in her voice, the perfect embodiment of the natural woman—that is Calve's Carmen.

A magnificent audience greeted the artist at Music Hall Wednesday night. It was her third appearance in the role. Other Carmens had been seen, notably Miss Netherole's dramatic production. Most of her hearers were in a mood for criticism and comparison. Calve met the test and conquered. Until Netherole came was deemed Calve's Carmen the limit of dramatic abandon. In the light of the comparison it is the who has the restraint of true art. This Gascon, with all her tropical blood, shows a Gypsy, all heart and no head, a savage, but still a sane and sane woman. The Saxon rival makes Merimee's heroine a degenerate, a woman of scarlet ecstasies. Calve's Gypsy, with a thin veneer of civilization, is not a stranger to society. Netherole's Calve is found only in the madhouse. The cultivated taste is not at a loss to choose between them.

Comparison between the operatic and the dramatic stage is not always to the point, but it is in Calve's case because she is as great an actress as she is a singer. Franquette Sarcy said of Netherole: "Her voice aims at the heart; her gestures knock at it." The same is true of Calve. More than that the impress of her genius at an opportune moment has brought about a renaissance in operatic art. Just as Blaud, "Carmen" subdued the trivialities of the romantic school and blazed the way for Wagner, so Calve, following the methods of the singers from Bayreuth, has demonstrated the intimacy between the dramatic and vocal arts and set the standard for the exponents of the operatic heroines of the new school that has already given us Nedda and Santuzza.

In the opera of the future there can be no divorce between singing and acting. The mere vocalist will be relegated to the concert stage. Calve's genius has precipitated the crisis.

There was evidence in last night's production that the Metropolitan Company's management rely on Calve's overshadowing genius to carry the performance without the aid of expensive accessories. Mons. Salignac, the Don Jose playing at love with the voluptuous Calve, reminded one incessantly of Taffy's remark about Trilby and Little Billy—"How she loves that little shrimp." The tenor was as busy and consequential as Du Maurier's hero. He has a melodious voice, but it lacks power. Mons. Lasalle was an ideal Escamillo physically, though his one great aria, "Toreador," was lacking in power. His mere vocalism will be relegated to the concert stage. Calve's genius has precipitated the crisis.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

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One Way Out.
To

OPERA ATTRACTS MANY STRANGERS.

LENTEN SEASON MADE UNUSUALLY GAY BY VISITORS.

BOX PARTIES ARE THE FAD.

General News and Gossip of the Movements of St. Louis Society Leaders.

The Daughters of the American Revolution were delightfully entertained Tuesday afternoon at a called meeting at the residence of Mrs. George Shields in Westminster place. Mrs. Western Bascom was elected Chapter Regent of St. Louis in the place of Mrs. Shields, who had been appointed State Regent. Mrs. Horatio Spencer was elected First Vice Regent in Mrs. Bascom's place, and Mrs. Mary Polk Winn was elected Second Vice Regent in Mrs. Spencer's place. Interesting reports from the National Congress were made by Mrs. Shields and Mrs. Bascom, who were the appointed delegates to that body. After the meeting refreshments were served.

The marriage of Miss Lily Agnes O'Mara to Mr. J. W. Wernz was celebrated Wednesday at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O'Mara. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. F. Faltner. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. E. O'Mara, brother of the bride, served as groomsmen, and Mr. Wernz will reside at 1200 La Salle street.

The opera, operetta and opera suppers have been the fad of the week. The boxes have been perfect, with their groups of beautifully gowned, lovely women and faultlessly attired men, while the parquetry and dress circle looked like a flower garden. The audiences have not been at every performance, all that could be desired in point of numbers, despite the fact that considerable accessions to the ranks of music-loving people in St. Louis have been made by visitors from the neighboring towns and cities.

The Imperial Euchre Club was entertained Saturday evening by Miss Lena Shuman at her home 464 Garfield avenue. The first prizes were won by a Pauline Shuman and Mr. Julius Shuman. The consolation prizes were won by Miss Marie Leahy and Mr. Robert Cloud and the trophy prizes were captured by Miss Clara Briggs and Mr. Joseph Briggs. The party Tuesday evening, Mrs. Brownwell entertained the party for lunch.

Mrs. H. T. Rainey chartered a party of well known society people from Carrollton, Ill., who arrived in St. Louis Tuesday and attended the opera. Among them are Miss Thomas and Miss Pierson. During their stay in the city they were the recipients of numerous social courtesies, teas, luncheons, etc.

The art reception given last Saturday afternoon by Miss Estelle Palmer and Miss Phipps was a great success. They had a large attendance of friends, and a beautiful exhibit was made of oil paintings, water colors, miniatures and tapestries. Refreshments were served throughout the evening. A beautiful tea was given last Saturday afternoon by Miss Catherine Bain to a number of her young friends. The party was held at the residence of Mrs. Bain, and the guests were entertained by Miss Bain and her friends.

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"ALL WORKED OUT."

Dr. Greene's Nervura the Regenerator of Strength, Energy and Vigor.

Dr. Greene's Nervura Restores the Snap, Vim, Energy and Strength You Have Lost. Take it Now, for You Need this Grandest of Spring Medicines.

In the death of great and gifted men and women, who have filled the public mind and who are held in tender and tearful remembrance, how many have gone because they were "worked out?"

There being nothing to pay for consultation, examination or advice, the low price of his wonderful medicine places it within the reach of every body. Write him if you cannot call.

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GREATEST VALUES AND LOWEST PRICES
NEVER MET BY COMPETITION.
SEE THESE SAMPLES OF LIBERAL VALUES.
N.W. Cor. 7th and Franklin Av.

BOYS' CLOTHING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.
Our Boys' Clothing Department has a reputation for its values. We can prove it. Come and see these strictly \$3.50 values..... \$1.95
Or those \$4 and \$5 Suits, we'll sell to-morrow..... \$2.45 and \$2.95
COMBINATION SUITS, innumerable Styles..... \$1.95 to \$4.95
Beautiful patterns
LONG PANTS SUITS, Boys 15 to 20 Years..... \$5.00
Great assortment—guaranteed all wool..... \$5.80
Those Fine Baltimore Merchant Tailor Suits as high as..... \$12.50
FOR MAMA'S DARLINGS—Novelties For Excellence—Junior Suits, latest shades and patterns, handsomely trimmed in satin and braid..... \$2.45 to \$4.95
vests to match, and sizes 3 to 8

FRIDAY ONLY.
Regular 35c Knee Pants, Gray Cassimere, 4 to 11..... 15c
FREE | Elegant Souvenir given away in our Boys' | **FREE**
Clothing Department.

SHOES—FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.
A Special Assortment of \$2.50 Oxfords and Tan Oxfords, same as cut..... \$1.50
One lot Ladies' Oxfords and Tan Oxfords..... 50c
Slippers, 6 to 11..... 50c
One lot Men's Tan Lace Shoes..... \$1.50
One lot Men's Tan Lace Shoes..... 79c
One lot Ladies' Kid, patent tip, face of button, best in the city to 11..... 79c
One lot infants' Tan Button shoes, sizes 5 to 9..... 95c

GENTS' FURNISHINGS.
All day Friday and Saturday, Men's spring weight Merino Underwear..... 23c
SPECIAL NECKWEAR SALE—Hundreds of dozens of very latest spring style Tecks, Turin-Ins, Handkerchiefs, etc., sold everywhere at 50c, for a few days at..... 25c
SEE THE WINDOW DISPLAY.

PINGREE DENOUNCED.
Called a Demagogue by a Member of the Michigan Senate.

LANSING, Mich., March 25.—There was an unusual scene in the Senate of the Michigan Legislature when the Governor of the State was denounced as a demagogue. The discussion was over the bill of Senator Covel requiring the Governor to make appointments during the session of the Legislature of one that they might be acted upon by the Senate.

THE HIRSCH CHARITIES.
Oscar Straus Explains the Plans of the Baroness.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.—NEW YORK, March 25.—In explaining the plans of the Baroness Hirsch to spend \$100,000 in charities in New York, Oscar Straus, one of the Hirsch trustees and a friend of the Baroness, says that the Baroness Hirsch rents the building used for the trade school, a suggestion came to her from him that it might be dedicated to the use of the street department.

SCHAWACKER'S ITALIANS.
Their Names May Be Stricken Off the List of Voters.

Chris Schawacker's Italians are voting a hard time. Chris wants them to vote for Ziegenhein and they are willing to, but they are encountering obstacles. In the first place Judge Murphy refused to naturalize them because they could not talk United States. The Judge added that by lecturing Schawacker for trying to vote such people, Judge Peabody had not like the looks of the crowd, but when he heard of the situation in the election office and made application to have the names stricken off, claiming they are not qualified to vote.

O. O. Austin to Be a Bank Cashier.
Announcement was made Wednesday by President E. R. Hinchey of the Merchants' Bank of the appointment of State Bank Examiner C. O. Austin as cashier. Mr. Austin will shortly resign the office he has held for several years, and move his family here to reside.

Busy Bee Bargain Day To-Morrow.
Black Walnut Brittle, 10c a pound.

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SEE THESE SAMPLES OF LIBERAL VALUES.
N.W. Cor. 7th and Franklin Av.

Ladies' Cloak and Suit Dep't Friday and Saturday.
Friday, 10 to 11 A. M.
Ladies' The Cotton Wrappers..... 39c
Ladies' Light-Weight Jackets..... 39c
Friday, 2 to 3 P. M.
Children's Jackets, all sizes..... 39c
Ladies' Light-Weight Capes..... 39c
Ladies' Shirts, Black & Shepherd Plaid, velvet bound..... 89c
Ladies' Shirts, novelty Scotch mixtures or figured blacks, worth..... \$2.95
Ladies' Silk More Shirts, full width, double lining, worth to Friday and Saturday only..... \$4.85
Ladies' Tailor-Made Combination Suits, shopped check skirts, serge jackets to match, silk lined, all sizes..... \$5.95
Friday and Saturday only
Ladies' Flannelized Silk Capes, full width, handsome lace ribbon collar, and fitted to the body..... \$5.95
Ladies' Spring Capes, silk, satin or velvet, ribbon collar..... \$5.95
Children's Empire Jackets, up from..... 69c

FREE—FREE. An elegant Ladies' Shirt Waist given away with every purchase of \$4 and above in our Cloak and Suit Dept.

LADIES' FURNISHINGS—FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.
FROM 10 TO 12 A. M. FRIDAY.
Regular 75c Muslin Gowns, empire or high necks, embroidered yokes..... 39c
FROM 2 TO 4 P. M. FRIDAY.
Regular \$1.00 Muslin Skirts, deep embroidered ruffles and tucks..... 39c

CORSETS—FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.
Regular 50c Corsets, Dress and Black..... 39c
Just received our new line of the Celebrated Warner's E. G. and W. R. Corsets..... 39c

HOSE—FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.
Children's Seamless Ribbed Hose, Black, Tan and Blood Colors..... 10c
Boys and Club Ties, made of finest Topa, plain and drop stitch..... 10c
Ladies' Seamless Fast Black and Tan Hose, high-spliced heel and toe, plain or drop stitch..... 10c

LADIES' KID GLOVES—FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.
Regular \$1.00 Genuine French Kid Gloves, assorted colors, 4-button or hook..... 69c
Our nine line FLORENCE, made of select French skins, 4 button, 4 large hooks or two clasps, in all the newest shades, every pair guaranteed and fitted to the hand..... \$1.00

BOYS' HATS—FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.
Boys' and Children's 50c Yacht, Golf and Eton Caps, all colors..... 29c
Boys' 75c Cloth Turbans..... 49c
Children's 75c Tan O'Shanter's, all colors..... 49c

SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA

900 DROPS
A Vegetable Preparation for Assuaging the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of INFANTS & CHILDREN
Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC.
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NEW YORK.
At 6 months old 35 DROPS = 35 CENTS.
EXACT COPY OF WRAPPER.

A QUESTION OF VOTES.
Boiler-Makers Will Hold Ziegenhein Responsible for That Contract.
How many votes will it be for or against Ziegenhein? Is the question which the Ways and Means Committee of the City Council is considering in connection with the disputed award of the contract for the boilers at the Baden Water Works.

JUDGE PEABODY'S IGNORANCE.
Miranda Wilkins Was Astonished at What He Didn't Know.

ROBBED AN OHIO MAN.
Bold Highwaymen Operate on Mr. Haggerty of Cincinnati.

Two highwaymen Wednesday afternoon held up and robbed John Haggerty of Cincinnati on Fourteenth street, between Pine and Chestnut streets. Mr. Haggerty was on his way to the Union Station to catch a train for Decatur, Ill. At the alley between Pine and Chestnut streets, he was suddenly seized from behind and forced into the alley, while two men searched his pockets.

To those living in malarial districts, Tutt's Pills are indispensable, they keep the system in perfect order and are an absolute cure for sick headache, indigestion, malaria, torpid liver, constipation and all bilious diseases.

Tutt's Liver Pills

MATRON WHITE ILL.
Her Sickness Due to Unsanitary Condition of the Jail.

Mrs. Margaret White, Matron of the St. Louis Jail, is confined to her room on the third floor of the Court House building with a severe attack of pneumonia. For a week or more Mrs. White has been suffering from a severe cold. Her physician says her condition is critical.

COOK REMEDY CO., CHICAGO.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

MYSTERY OF OLIE GOSHORN.

POLICE UNABLE TO FIX THE
BLAME FOR THE CRIME.

LETTERS FROM HER SISTER.

Unfortunate Girl Directed by a Relative
How to Have the Operation Performed.

The mysterious death of Olie Goshorn the Montgomery County girl, at 2650 Olive street, on March 15, has been thoroughly investigated by the police. They report that the story published in the Post-Dispatch on Wednesday was correct, but that it is impossible to secure sufficient evidence against any one person to warrant an arrest being made. They admit that a crime has been committed, but the body is out of their jurisdiction, and thus material evidence is lacking.

"Even with the strongest evidence," said Acting Chief Kieley, Thursday morning, "it is almost impossible to secure a conviction. I admit that these crimes are being committed every day, but there seems to be no way in which the criminals can be brought to justice."

Detective Allander is the officer who was detailed on the case. He visited Otto Eckardt, Dr. Thurman and the midwife at 2650 Olive street. His report to the Acting Chief is to the effect that Eckardt, who was engaged to Miss Goshorn, befriended her in every manner possible, and that the man who caused the trouble is a devil of Cyrene, Mo. The detective states that Dr. Thurman's entry book shows that he was called in to see the girl on March 11 and found her suffering from blood poisoning. On the following day Dr. Thurman and Hogan called in consultation, an operation was performed, but it did not avert death.

The mystery of the case hangs on the dates March 9 to 11. On the first-named date March 9, the girl was taken to the hospital after having been carefully examined and pronounced in perfect health. Twenty-four hours later the midwife at 2650 Olive street pronounced her ill with blood poisoning, and the day following, according to Dr. Thurman's visiting book, this physician pronounced her seriously ill with this disease that only an operation could save her life, and even that failed to do so.

Detective Allander found all of Miss Goshorn's effects at the home of Otto Eckardt, Clark avenue and Sixteenth street. In the girl's trunk were some letters from her sister, Jessie Goshorn, which throw a strange light upon the case. Extracts from three of them are given below.

GAMMA, Mo., February 17.—Sister Olie—Olie has written some awful stuff. Can it be so? I noticed it. I think of you there in St. Louis as a friendless, for Otto says he will not pay for another pleasure. Why, for the love of God, did you not tell me? May I tell you what to do? You must get out of there. Who was it Olie? Was it Dr. F? If so, and he is not married, we will do it anyhow, for the law will hold him. Write and tell me all I can tell you what to do. You maybe I had better not. * * * Go to Annie Newland, if Martha can get her to use instruments. Hunt the devil down and make him come to terms. But I hope it cannot be so.

JESSIE
Sister Olie: It is impossible for me to come to you. Be brave and don't be scared. Have the operation performed at once, and don't stay any longer than you have to. Go to the Female or to the City Hall, and let me know to work, and I know you won't be able to. It won't cost anything at these hospitals, and you have better go to the Female. You can order an ambulance to come for you, or you can go to the City Hall and an ambulance will take you out at 4 or 5 o'clock. It won't cost you a cent. The girl who told you had better do this than pay a midwife for board. What will it cost to have the operation performed? I have an understanding with the woman before commencing. Do not pay till all is over. Olie, you find out where the bill is and make him foot the bill. If he is married write to his wife and tell her; also to the medical faculty. Find out, Olie, and make him foot the bill. He is to blame, and make him suffer. Don't let him get off so easy. Write me where he is and I'll find out what is best to be done. I think you are too easily scared. Better be dead than forever disgraced. You have done wrong, and you will have to drain the bitterness to the dregs. No one could have made me believe that but you, Olie, if you had only told me I could have fixed you. I've got no money, nor can I help you now. If you are bearing let this woman come to you, and when everything is done send for an ambulance at the City Hall and let me know to come at once. Then come home. Olie, don't have anybody come and see you or do not let anyone know where you are. I could kill that doctor. Does he know it? Don't back out. Be brave. What he says that shall be the end. Who is the midwife? Make sure she is not fooling you. When all is over come home.

JESSIE
CAMERON, Mo., Feb. 20.
Sister Olie—I have written to the Postmaster at Cyrene regarding that man, but have received no reply. Better let Otto give you the money, and I will repay him with the money which I will receive from the sale of your cow. When that is gone you will have to root hog or die.

JESSIE
The position of Otto Eckardt was undoubtedly that of a friend and adviser. Following the advice of her sister Olie was treated by a midwife with drugs and went to the City Hospital, then to the Female Hospital. There they cured her and she was discharged still pregnant. She then had somebody make another attempt and was at 2650 Olive street, the home of a midwife, twenty-four hours at leaving the hospital. At this place she died.

Barr's Bargain News From the Biggest and Busiest Store in St. Louis.

ALWAYS LOWEST CASH PRICES.



BOYS' CLOTHING. We expect to clothe all the boys in St. Louis, if style and low price combinations will do it. These to start on:

A BIG LOT OF BOYS' KNEE PANT SUITS.

Ages 6 to 16 years, made of imported and domestic wools, in new and nobby effects, the very same that other stores get \$7.00 and \$8.00 for; Barr's price **\$4.97**

CONFIRMATION SUITS.

Blue and Black Clay Worsted Suits, sizes up to 16 years, regular \$6.00 garments; Barr's price **\$4.47**

BOYS' ALL-WOOL KNEE PANT SUITS.

Ages 6 to 16 years, made of pure all-wool materials, in light and dark mixtures, handsome brown and gray plaids, in the choicest and nobbiest effects shown this season; some have double seats and double knees; all of them are extra well lined and superb \$5.00 values; Barr's price **\$3.97**

WASH FABRICS. The fame of Barr's Wash Fabric Department is justified by the beauty of the cotton textiles. No season has ever produced daintier designs, more exquisite texture or lower prices.

- 1000 pieces 40-inch Sheer Organdie, all the newest patterns, and only (yard) **15¢**
- 400 pieces Genuine Abbottsford Beersucker, worth 15¢; this week at (yard) **10¢**
- 400 new patterns in Printed Grenadine Suisse, rich as Spanish lace (yard) **25¢**
- 450 pieces Silk Stripe Cotton Challies, looks alike, all-wool (yard) **12¢**

BASEMENT NEWS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST.

A Large Purchase From the Celebrated

Rogers Meriden, Conn.,

Silver-Plated Table Ware,

To be sold at 25c on the Dollar.

We have purchased from the celebrated "Rogers" of Meriden, Conn., their entire stock of their WESTMINSTER PATTERN Silver-Plated Table Ware at such a sacrifice that will enable us to sell them at about one-quarter the regular prices.

This pattern is a very desirable one and is known by more than one-half the housekeepers in this country. Each piece is stamped with the celebrated ROGERS NAME

And Guaranteed to Wear a Lifetime.

These prices hold good as long as this lot lasts:

- | | Regular Price. | Sale Price. |
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| Rogers Tea Spoons..... | \$4.75 doz | \$1.77 doz |
| Rogers Table Spoons..... | 9.50 doz | \$3.54 doz |
| Rogers Coffee Spoons..... | 4.70 doz | 1.75 doz |
| Rogers Dessert Spoons..... | 11.00 doz | 4.15 doz |
| Rogers Dessert Forks..... | 11.00 doz | 4.15 doz |
| Rogers Medium Forks..... | 11.00 doz | 4.15 doz |
| Rogers Nut Picks..... | 4.00 doz | 1.50 doz |
| Rogers Fish Knives..... | 3.50 ea | 1.50 ea |
| Rogers Sugar Tongs..... | 1.50 ea | .65 ea |

White Enameled Steel Ware

We will offer Friday the remaining lot of Enameled Ware that we purchased from the SIMMONS HARDWARE CO. at a sacrifice. The price now will be about half the last prices quoted, as there are but five different items left.

- White Enameled Steel Coffee Pots, 12 pint size, SIMMONS LIST PRICE \$1.85 each; Friday's price..... **19c**
- White Enameled Steel Tea Pots, 4 1/2 pint size, SIMMONS LIST PRICE \$1.85 each; Friday's price..... **19c**
- 100 dozen Strong Willow Market Baskets, with cover, worth 50¢; Friday's price..... **21c**
- White Enameled Steel Lipped Sauce Pans, 1 1/2 pint size, SIMMONS LIST PRICE \$2.40 each; Friday's price..... **25c**
- White Enameled Steel Lipped Sauce Pans, 4 1/2 pint size, SIMMONS LIST PRICE \$3.00 each; Friday's price..... **26c**

OUR IMPROVED CLOAK AND SUIT DEPT.

Is also the busiest Cloak-Room in St. Louis, gratifying to us as showing your quick appreciation of our beautiful stock of

Ready-to-Wear Garments.

Already an extra force of saleswomen has become necessary, and we assure you of prompt service. We suggest that the morning hours are usually a little less crowded. Our Friday offerings are especially interesting.

WAISTS.

Ladies' China Silk Shirt Waists, newest designs, choice colors, lined throughout, detachable collar, excellent quality, worth \$5.00; Friday only **\$2.98**

SEPARATE DRESS SKIRTS.

Friday we will sell the new Basket Weave Skirt; they come in a large variety of three-toned effects, properly made, a bargain at \$7.50; Friday only **\$5.95**

Friday we will sell good Silk Skirts, best value in America, at **\$3.98**

SUITS.

Strictly tailor-made, from all-wool material, fly front Suits; colors, navy blue and black; not their equal elsewhere for less than \$7.00; Friday only **\$4.75**

JACKETS—Just Received.

Good Kersey Jacket, lined with taffeta silk; they come in all the latest shades and ought to sell for \$10.00; Friday they go for **\$6.98**

CHILDREN'S REEFERS.

Plain colors, wool material, Empire style, all shades, actually worth \$1.50; Friday only **98¢**

You always find here better values for same money or same values for less money than elsewhere.

MILLINERY.

The popularity of the Sailor Hat is undiminished, but is shared by Turbans, Toques, etc. Our special Friday bargain is 125 dozen short back Sailors, Toques, Turbans and other popular shapes, in blue, black, red, lavender **50¢**

English Hats for Misses and Children are the correct style. We have a new line for Friday.

Boys' and Girls' Tam O'Shanter Caps, all styles and colors.

DAINTY NECKWEAR.

We have about 50 dozen Collarettes in Lace and Embroidery that have lost their crisp freshness by being shown.

Friday we will close them out at these prices:

- 50c Goods Go at **10¢**
- \$1.00 Goods Go at **25¢**
- \$1.50 Goods Go at **50¢**

And bargain lovers know how quickly such things go at Barr's!

HOSIERY. We are the largest purchasers of Hosiery in the Southwest. We therefore get the greatest price concessions. The advantage—to you—is obvious; you can reckon on a saving that amounts to dollars very quickly.

For 15c—The greatest value in Women's Black Lisle Thread Hose; a big bonanza; high-spliced toes and heels; Hermsdorf dye, regular made, extra long, ribbed and plain; see this big offer, pair **25¢**

Women's extra fine quality Barr's Empress Fast Black Cotton Stockings, double-sole, high-spliced heels and toes, regular made, pair **17¢**

Boys' Ribbed Cotton Stockings, Empress Fast Black, a real bargain 17¢ can't always buy them at Barr's low price, pair **17¢**

Women's Eoru and White Ribbed Balbrigan Vests, low neck, sleeveless; low neck, short sleeves; square neck and shaped; **12¢**

Women's Eoru and White, low neck, sleeveless; square neck and V-shape, silk tape, extra good quality and you'll say so, each **17¢**

For 25c—Barr's have some big drives in Women's Gause Vests, high neck, long sleeves; high neck, short sleeves; high neck, sleeveless; eoru and white ribbed Balbrigan, high neck and long sleeves; high neck, short sleeves; low neck, sleeveless; low neck, short sleeves; square and V-shaped necks; drawers knee lengths; tight knee length; **25¢**

Not how cheap, but how good, made from standard prints, choice patterns; a good \$1.35 Wrapper Friday, only **98¢**

About Our New Traveling Goods Department.

...Third Floor...

We have transferred all the Traveling Bags, and Satchels from the Basement to the Third Floor, and have added a very large assortment of the newest things in Travelers' Equipment. We have also greatly enlarged our Trunk Department with the largest variety and the highest grade Trunks made. Every kind of Trunk that you want is here.

Ladies' Dress Trunks, Gents' Trunks, Basket Trunks, Steamer Trunks, Light-Weight Trunks, Packing Trunks, Etc.

High-Grade Valises and Satchels.

We show more different styles than any other house. Our prices are lower by almost half.

Four Elevators. Third Floor.

SET ON FIRE BY A CIGARETTE.

PANIC IN THE UNION HOUSE ON
NORTH SIXTH STREET.

ONE MAN BADLY BURNED.

There Were Several Narrow Escapes,
but Little Damage Was Done
to the Building.

The Union House at 719 North Sixth street is one of several cheap rooming places opposite Union Market, frequented by those whose limit is 25 cents for a night's lodging. Night Clerk William Young registered 76 lodgers Wednesday night and distributed them two and three in a room on the two floors which the place boasts. Most of the patrons of the place retire late and are late risers.

Thursday morning one of the lodgers on

the top floor lighted a cigarette when he first awoke. Growing drowsy he dropped it on the mattress. Then he turned over for his beauty sleep. His companion had departed half an hour before. It was about 8 o'clock. He was awakened five minutes later by a horrible dream in which he was being burned at the stake by Comanche Indians. He leaped up and threw the blazing mattress on the floor into the long hall. Then he ran out crying "Fire!"

Few of the lodgers had yet awakened. The cry aroused those on the top floor, and they ran into the hall. There was apparently little danger from the mattress and they tried to stamp out the fire. Falling in this, they sought buckets with which to throw water on the blaze. They could find no buckets. The floor caught fire, and those who had been fighting the flames decided that it was useless.

Most of them had dressed, and these had run down the stairs. The others remained long enough to throw on the most necessary articles of apparel, and snatching up the rest of their clothes, joined the fugitives. Meanwhile the smoke was pouring from the other windows on Sixth street.

Policeman McSheddy saw it and turned in an alarm of fire before the lodgers on the top floor reached the landing below. In consequence they there encountered a struggling mass of humanity consisting of the lower floor lodgers, who had been aroused at last by the noise in the street. For a time the narrow staircase to the street was completely choked.

Then the crush from above overcame the lower floor, and the entire mass descended down the stairway kicking, struggling and cursing. Those in front fell, rather than ran, down the stairs, several landing prostrate on the pavement. They picked themselves up unharmed and turned to watch the others descending.

The staircase was at last cleaned, but be-

fore the firemen had placed their ladders to the windows a straggler dashed down the stairs. Glad only in his shoes, trousers and undershirt, he was William B. Harland, day clerk of the Rivers House, around the corner, who lodged at the Union House. He had not awakened until after the flames were across the hall on the top floor, between his room and the stairs. He had to fight his way through the fire, crawling on the floor most of the way. The inner part of his right arm was a huge blister, his mus-tache was singed and his nose almost burned from his head. He was sent to the City Dispensary. His injuries, although sufficient to torture him, were not otherwise serious.

A few moments later a man appeared at one of the windows on the top floor. He shouted down that his escape by the staircase was cut off. The smoke was beginning to issue from the window where he stood. A ladder was placed at the window and he came down by that means. He also had on only his shoes, trousers and undershirt. His name was John Kauffman. His room was at the extreme north end of the hall, farthest from the staircase. He had slept through the excitement and awoke only when the smoke crept into his room and almost choked him. He procured a shirt at a furnishing store in the block.

Harland shivered in his undershirt until a patrol wagon arrived half an hour later and conveyed him to the City Dispensary. All his clothing, save what he wore, was destroyed by the fire. He was so cold and overcome by fright and the loss of his possessions that he was practically speechless.

A few well-directed streams extinguished the fire within twenty minutes after it broke out. It was confined to the top floor, but the contents of the floor below and of D. A. Pareira's clothing store, on the ground floor, were damaged by water.

Joseph Mokley, proprietor of the Union

House, stated that he valued the hotel at about \$3,000, covered by insurance. He could not estimate his loss. Pareira's loss is slight, as the Salvage Corps had his goods under cover before the water entered his store.

New Missouri Corporations.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 25.—The Secretary of State today chartered the following companies:
St. Louis Optical and Manufacturing Company of St. Louis; capital, \$4,000; incorporators, Elsie Klein, J. W. Kasper, Henry Flackmann and others.
Brecht Electric Machine and Engineering Company of St. Louis; capital, \$20,000; incorporators, G. V. Brecht, N. Johnson, J. W. Siele and others.

New Corporations.

The Security Laundry Co. filed articles of incorporation with Recorder of Deeds Lewis Thursday. Its capital stock is \$10,000, of which Charles W. Tomfohrde holds 550 shares; Wm. H. Brammiller, 50 shares; W. A. Plausburg, 2 shares, and Charles W. Tomfohrde, 288 shares as trustee.
The Geisel Construction Co. has been incorporated with \$50,000 capital stock. A. Geisel holds 1 share and C. Linnenkohl, J. W. Bergfeld and A. Schnedelbach, 25 shares each.

Williamson's bulletin signs bring big business. Phone 363.

Jim French Pleads Not Guilty.

Jim French pleaded not guilty to the charge of postoffice robbing in the United States District Court Thursday. Judge Adams fixed his bond at \$3,000 and set the case for April 6.

CAPT. BROWN'S HOPES.

Wants to Be on Both Tickets for One Office.

Capt. Joseph Brown is still undecided as to his course. He said: "The ruling of the Board of Election Commissioners does not make my course clear. I will wait and see what the Meriwether people do."

"Can't you say what you will do in a given contingency?"
"No. That would be jumping the fence before I came to it. I have hopes, though, that an arrangement will be made whereby I can be placed on both tickets either as Comptroller or Collector."

"As it is now it is suicide for myself and Gen. Colman and Mr. McClean. Mr. McClean was nominated for Collector on the Harrison ticket. I have not conferred with him, but I understand he is not anxious for the office. If he were to resign as the nominee for Collector in favor of me, I would resign the Comptrollership nomination in his favor. That would put me on both tickets and Mr. McClean, who is my friend, would have as good a chance as he has now."

Capt. Brown was nominated for Comptroller on the Harrison ticket and for Collector on the Meriwether ticket. Norman J. Colman for Comptroller on the Meriwether ticket, and W. H. McClean for Collector on the Harrison ticket.

Suit on Account.

The Gainesville (Tex.) National Bank filed suit for \$10,000 Thursday against Mar-Val & Fitzgerald and Thursday Judge Adams fixed his bond at \$3,000 and set the case for April 6.

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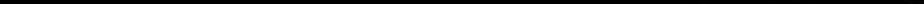
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The Greatest Bargains ever offered. Average reduction nearly 50 per cent from regular prices. They must have room, cost what it may. Their loss your gain. Go early to-morrow and Saturday. Take your pocketbooks. You will be astonished to find what cash does in this CLEARING SALE. Such elegant goods never before offered at slaughter prices. For to-morrow and Saturday they will offer discounts on their entire line. Comstock never deceives the public. Will take orders for delivery next week. Their shipping department is snowed under for a few days.

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SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE

BARBER—A barber wants steady job for Saturday night and Sunday. Ad. 2127 Standard st. J. H. W. 2127.

BOOK-KEEPER—Good book-keeper and all-around office man will give \$25 to party securing him permanent position at moderate salary. No. 1 references given. Ad. M. 520, this office.

BOY—Boy of 16 would like to attend circuses at night in the evening; price \$1 per 1,000. Ad. T. 521, this office.

BOY WANTED—Situation by boy of 16; fair schooling; work of any kind; would like to learn druggist trade. Ad. M. 522, this office.

BAKER—Wanted, situation by a first-class bread and cake baker; an all-around man; sober and of good, steady moral; unquestionable ability; country town preferred. Ad. H. 520, this office.

BOOK-KEEPER—Wanted, position as bookkeeper by young man of 25; 7 years' experience; all references; at moderate salary. Ad. S. 515, this office.

BOOK-KEEPER—Wanted, situation as assistant or clerk; good penman; best of references; salary to suit. Ad. S. 521, this office.

CLERK—Wanted, position; 4 years' experience in grocery business; all references; moderate salary. Ad. S. 520, this office.

COLLECTOR—Experienced office man wants position as collector for city salesman for established concern; references all. Ad. K. 520, this office.

CARPENTER—First-class carpenter will work for \$1.50 a day. Ad. C. 522, this office.

CHIEF—Wanted, by first-class chef, position, city or country; all references. Ad. A. 516, this office.

CLERK—Wanted, situation as shipping clerk; six years' experience; all references. Ad. W. G. 1, 1000 Helen st.

COLLECTOR—Good collector wants work. Ad. E. 517, this office.

COOK—Wanted, situation by a first-class colored man; cook; private family or first-class boarding-house; city ref. Ad. G. 519, this office.

COACHMAN—Situation wanted by colored man as coachman and yard man. Ad. J. D. M., 3820 Washington av.

DRUG CLERK—Wanted, position by a drug clerk of 3 years' experience in a downtown store; speaks German; all references; best of references. Ad. P. 522, this office.

DRAUGHTSMAN—Patent office draughtsman wants a situation with a patent lawyer; small wages to start. Ad. O. 518, this office.

ENGINEER—Position wanted as stationary engineer; has letters; can give best of refs. Ad. M. K. H., 917 N. 19th st., St. Louis.

MAN—Sitting wanted by a colored man to take care of horses and drive; can give good references. Ad. G. 517, this office.

MAN—Wanted, situation by young colored man in private family or as janitor in store; honest, sober, industrious; all references; best of city refs. Address George, 3732 Washington av.

MAN—Wanted, situation by young man for general work; understands handling horses. 2007 Clark.

MAN—Wanted, situation by young colored man; thoroughly understands care of horses and driving; guarantees satisfaction. 1229 S. 7th st.

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MAN—Wanted, situation by young man; can give references. Ad. D. 520, this office.

MAN—Wanted, situation by young man; can give references. Ad. D. 521, this office.

MISSIONARY WORK—If some evangelist, but weak, church should like to secure a good pastor (missionary). Address P. 515, this office.

MAN—Young man wants a situation in a printing office; experienced in the trade; wages no object; best of references. Ad. D. 516, this office.

MAN—Wanted, situation by a married man; private family; care of stock, garden, lawns, lawn; all references; city refs. Ad. P. 518, this office.

MAN—Wanted, situation by young man, fair education, good penman; all references; best of references; accept place in retail or wholesale house. C. M. Roberts, St. Louis P. O.

PORTER—Good strong man, speaks German and English; wants situation as porter in saloon or hotel. Ad. H. 521, this office.

PORTER—A honest colored man wants place as porter; well recommended. Ad. R. P. J., 1541 Gratiot st.

PORTER—Wanted, situation by experienced colored man as porter or to clean offices; refs. best of refs. Ad. S. 521, this office.

PRINTING—Young printer of 25 desires work of any kind; printing preferred. Ad. R. 519, this office.

SALESWOMAN—Wants situation in bakery or confectionery. Call Friday afternoon at 1504 N. 11th st. R. Jordan.

STENOGRAPHER—Young man wants position as stenographer; when good education, experience and character will be appreciated; references. Ad. E. 520, this office.

TELEGRAPH—Wanted, situation by telegraph operator, with experience in grocery business; steady, sober, handy man; best references. Ad. E. 520, this office.

UP—Supplies and overcoats to order. Morris Tailoring Co., 8th and Olive.

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STEWART—Capable steward, who is a first-class carver, wants a position, city or country; best of references. Ad. H. 517, this office.

YOUNG MAN—With good education and experience wants position as private secretary or literary assistant; a stenographer; references. Ad. E. 515, this office.

BOY WANTED—That has some experience in stitching harness. 1520 N. Broadway.

BARBER—Wanted—First-class white barber; an apprentice need apply. Relay Depot, East St. Carpenters.

CARPENTERS WANTED—At 1902 Olive st., upstairs, at once.

COOK WANTED—By first-class family, male cook who can bring good refs. 3537 Morgan st.

DRUG CLERK—Wanted—Two or three years' experience; will give \$15 a month, board and room. Add. Saltspring, Station C.

ENAMELER WANTED—Good enameeler and strop. Knight Cycle Co., 311 N. 14th st.

FREE treatment for all private, blood and rectal diseases. General Dispensary, 1408 Franklin av.

FARM HANDS WANTED—Good milkers. Von Schrader Farm, 2 miles west of Clayton, Clayton, Mo.

MEN WANTED—Men and women in every town to take active control of a quick-selling article; \$3 to \$5 a day easily earned. For particulars address Parisian Revue Co., 907 N. 17th st., St. Louis, Mo.

MEN WANTED—A butchelor maker and finisher on custom coats. 821 Locust st., 2d floor.

MAN WANTED—Man to help around saloon and home. 3870 Park av.

MORE calls for our graduates than we can supply; only 8 weeks required to complete the course; write for our catalogue. Morris Barber College, 11th and Franklin av.

MAN WANTED—To sell goods in Illinois on salary; \$50 cash security. Ad. D. 522, this office.

MAN WANTED—Good German for farm work; best refs. required. Apply after 4 p. m., 1212 Dillon.

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OX-BLOOD TAN—Looks and feels like a \$5 shoe; choice of 13 top shoes, \$2.95. Harris, 44 shoe man, 520 Pine.

PRESS FEEDER—Wanted—Thoroughly experienced in printing; good refs. Ad. 520, this office.

SALESMEN WANTED—\$100 to \$125 per month; boys and men can get a nice, steady, steady and desirable. Ad. King Mfg. Co., 716 Chicago.

TEAMS WANTED—20 teams for wheelbarrow. Apply Myers Bros. Co., 717 Washington.

TEAMS WANTED—Teams on Folsom av., 500 feet from city. Add. P. 518, this office.

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS—A meeting of the stockholders of The Brown Shoe Company will be held at the office of said company, Eleventh street and Washington avenue, in the City of St. Louis, Mo., on Friday, April 10, 1897, at 8 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of electing seven directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

G. E. SOUTHWICK, Secretary.

THE MARKETS.

ST. LOUIS, March 25, 1897.

Official report to the Indiana State Board of Agriculture from all sections of Indiana confirms the fact that the crop of winter wheat is the best in years.

The highest price for the State at 60 per cent of normal years, while some reckon it as low as 40 per cent.

The world's wheat shipments to Europe from the United States, Russia and Canada for the first five weeks of the year, 1897, were 4,000,000 bushels.

Crop reports from Southern Russia are bad, owing to the frost. The Russian wheat crop is estimated at 7,500,000 bushels.

The Review of the River Plate estimates the wheat crop of Argentina at 1,500,000 bushels.

The Cincinnati Price Current says: Wheat crop prospects are gloomy in Indiana and Missouri, considerable complaint from Indiana and Missouri.

English country markets generally cheaper. Present weather favorably changing prospect in some localities. Low export for Indiana and Missouri.

Spring wheat area. Oats seedling retarded by moisture.

Liverpool—Spot wheat quiet and unchanged; futures, 10c. 10c. 10c.

London—Cargoes of wheat arrived off coast quiet; steady; on passage, 10c. 10c. 10c.

American wheat parcels rather lower. French country markets quiet, but steady.

Berlin—Wheat fair. Cincinnati Price Current states that favorable weather will not be able to remedy the damage to Illinois and Missouri. Reports from Indiana and Ohio more unfavorable.

Stocks of Grain in St. Louis Elevators.

Thursday, Wed. day, Year Ago.

Wheat—302,155 540,155 1,164,033

Barley—10,000 10,000 10,000

Oats—10,000 10,000 10,000

Rye—10,000 10,000 10,000

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RAILROADS ARE RUNNING TO COVER.

HASTY WITHDRAWALS FROM TRANS-MISSOURI ASSOCIATION. ANTI-TRUST LAW FEARED.

Supreme Court's Decision Already Felt and a Lively Freight War May Soon Result.

Already the effect of the United States Supreme Court's decision in the case of the Trans-Missouri Association is being felt in St. Louis.

The Supreme Court rules that the Trans-Missouri Association and similar organizations maintained by railroads to regulate rates are illegal and that the anti-trust law applies to such associations.

While officials of the roads centering in St. Louis are professing to be at sea as to the ultimate result of the decision, they are nevertheless hastening to free themselves from any "entangling alliance" which might bring them within the pale of the law as interpreted by the Supreme Court.

The Burlington withdrew from all traffic association of which it had been a member as soon as the news of the decision reached St. Louis, and other lines are rapidly following suit.

Traffic managers of the largest lines centering in St. Louis met in the office of the Southwest Traffic Association in the Union Trust building Wednesday afternoon behind closed doors.

The proceedings were kept secret, but the result of the meeting was evident an hour after adjournment, when the Missouri Pacific, the Iron Mountain, the Cotton Belt, the St. Louis & San Francisco and the Atchafalaya, Topoka & Santa Fe roads sent out notices that they would immediately withdraw from all traffic associations with which they had been connected.

The Wabash announced that it would wait the decision of a conference of St. Louis and Chicago lines to be held in Chicago Friday.

While the effect of the decision in annihilating traffic associations is not denied by local railway officials, they are as yet unable or unwilling to say what bearing it will have on existing freight rates.

If the ruling of the Supreme Court is destined to result in a rate war or a general reduction in freight rates, local railroad men are unwilling to admit it or to make any statement which might give a line on the probable future action of the roads.

General Manager Ramsey of the Wabash and President S. W. Fordyce of the Cotton Belt would not discuss the probable effect of the decision on freight rates, saying they could not express an opinion until they had seen the decision in full.

Assistant General Traffic Agent William Gray of the Burlington when asked what effect the decision would have on freight rates said:

"I can't tell you that. One thing is certain. Associations formed to maintain rates cannot stand before the decision of the Supreme Court's decision, Mr. Gray said:

"I think not if the associations had for their object the maintenance of freight rates. Just now it seems that the adjustment of rates will have to be made independently by the different roads. Whether the roads will cut rates is a difficult point to determine."

General Agent J. T. Moore of the Louisville & Nashville said:

"The Supreme Court's decision has not upset rates yet. Just what effect it will have I cannot say. I don't believe it will affect rates at all for the simple reason that rates are on an equitable basis now and none of the roads will care to reduce their revenue."

Traffic Manager Orr hesitated when questioned. He started to reply, but stopped suddenly and was thoughtful for a minute. "I don't think I care to pose as a prophet," he said finally. "It is a pretty hard question to answer anyway. In fact we are all at sea and cannot determine just what we will do until we have an opportunity to see the full text of the decision."

Vice-President and General Manager J. J. Turner of the Vandavia in Cincinnati. In his absence his assistants and other officials at the office declined to discuss the effect of the decision on freight rates.

Shippers and trade men generally believe that the railroad will appeal to Congress for legislation, which will enable them to regulate rates under the supervision of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Southwest Traffic Association's office in the Union Trust building was open Thursday morning, but no new business was being transacted.

Routine work on hand before the decision was handed down was being finished.

Secretary E. F. Campbell said: "The work we have to finish up will keep us busy for several days. Whether we will close the office then depends on developments. If the executive officers of the road having a membership in the association decide that the decision applies to this organization we will have to suspend operations. None of us know just what the situation will be. It will be at least a week before railroad officials will be able to determine the scope of the decision. No one here has seen the full text of the ruling."

"It may be found that this association is not illegal. As to that the roads will be governed by the advice of their attorneys."

The only road that has not withdrawn from its withdrawal is the Santa Fe, though I understand that several other roads decided to withdraw yesterday. The closing of this office would throw about twenty-five men out of employment, including Chairman L. F. Day and myself."

"I think it altogether likely that the roads will endeavor to get permission from Congress to continue publishing a joint tariff under the supervision of the Interstate Commerce Commission. I know that individual members of the commission recognize traffic associations when properly conducted as a benefit both to the railroad and the public."

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Knee Suits. Blue and Black Clay Diagonals, Worsted, Cheviots, Thibets and over 60 styles of fancy Tweeds and Cassimeres—very finely made—Friday **\$3.98**

Fauntleroy Blouses. Excellently made in first-class grades of percales, lawns, dimities, seersuckers and chevrons—red, blue, tan and white grounds, in handsome patterns. Their equal are sold nowhere at less than 75c and \$1.00. Here Friday **48c**

MEN'S PANTS. Friday we offer you choice of about 700 pairs of Men's strictly all-wool Cassimere and Scotch Cheviot Pants, specially well tailored—all the latest and most desirable designs of the season, perfect fitting, qualities such as are always sold at \$3 and \$3.50. To start them off, we make this special offer for Friday—choice of the entire lot **\$2.50**

WONDERFUL VALUES—LADIES' KID GLOVES. For Friday we place on sale a big lot of Ladies' Kid Gloves—slightly imperfect—all sizes, and almost all shades—the original prices of these gloves were \$1.00 to \$2.00—you're sure to find something to please you in this lot; come and try. Choice. Friday only **38c**

For Friday we offer you a special lot, including some of our very finest gloves in handling—blues, tans, reds, grays and greens—button and clasp. Choice of the lot, Friday only **75c**

We want to show you the "Czarina"—all colors, including handsome new oxford shades—back embroidered in the new red and black two-color effect—due to the fact that the "Czarina" is the best glove ever offered at the price **\$1.00**

Famous BROADWAY & MORGAN

WILL BUILD A CYCLISTS' CHURCH.

DAVIES W. PITTMAN'S PLAN TO SAVE SOULS.

WANTS IT IN FOREST PARK.

It Will Be Undenominational and Any Wheelman May Attend in Outing Costume.

One day last spring Davies W. Pittman of the Drummond Tobacco Co., who is somewhat interested in cycling and a good deal interested in church matters, met Dinks Parrish, who is greatly interested in cycling but not so much in church matters. The two have been friends.

"Dinks," said Pittman, "why don't you come to church more?"

"Well," answered Mr. Parrish, "I'll tell you. If we fellows could only go in our bicycle suits I believe we would show up every Sunday. But it would look out of place to go to church in knickerbockers and all covered with perspiration."

This conversation set Mr. Pittman to thinking. He began to wonder if there might be some arrangement made for a church of this kind, and he decided to call on the members of the church who were interested in cycling.

Nothing was said at that time, but this spring again, when he saw the boys and girls starting out on their wheels the first of Sunday, he determined to see what could be done.

He has now devised a scheme for a wheelman's church in Forest Park or on private property just outside of the city. He has been talking with a number of his friends and the result is that the church will be a place where the members of the church will be comparatively easy, as the outlay will be small.

Mr. Pittman, while a good churchman, is very fond of the wheel. He has been taking a spin through the parks or out into the country on the Sabbath, and yet he doesn't think the practice should be allowed to interfere with going to church.

"There are thousands of wheelmen in this city," he says, "and a Post-Dispatch reporter, 'who are church people, and yet who love the wheel, and yet who are away from services. It may not be just right that they should do this, but it is not right that they should not do it. The church can say is not going to stop it."

"These people would like well enough to go to church, but if the churches can't hold them any other way, it seems to me the better way to catch them at the park."

"My idea is to get a piece of land from the city, and have a church built on it. The city might object to letting us into the park for fear of establishing a bad precedent."

"The church could be made very artistic and still cost but little. There need be no arrangement for heating or lighting, as it would not be used in cold weather or at night. It would be built for 'bicycle purposes,' so to speak. I would have racks in which all wheels could be checked with safety and so arranged that there would be no delay in getting them out after services, say commencing at 7 o'clock in the morning. The church would be under denominational. Each denomination might be given one hour during the morning and the afternoon, and the church could be a union service. These are things, however, that would regulate themselves after we got started."

"It would be easy enough to get those who would take charge of the service. If the church is of this kind, there would be plenty of volunteers. I don't say they would, but the preachers might object to the idea that such a church would only tend all the more to attract the young people away from the church. Such a church as this would do a world of good. The bicyclists would feel at home there. Every one would be welcome. The same way and the outing costumes would attract no attention. I am sure that the church would be benefited otherwise never see the inside of a church."

"I hope a Christian, I recognize that there are some temptations about wheeling, and if you are secure in your faith, you would be called back to their religion. Sunday morning it might help them to do right."

"The cost of such a building as I suggest would be very small. If the city does not want us in the park some property-owner on King's highway, I am sure, would let

...MILLINERY...

FLOWERS. 5000 Bunches VIOLETS, all colors, worth 50c. Friday only **1c**

2000 Bunches ROSES, 2 in a bunch, with buds, velvet and muslin, worth 25c. Friday only **10c**

25c SPECIAL. 1000 Bunches ASSORTED FLOWERS. Geraniums, Carnations, Roses, Violets, Lilies, Corn Flowers, Poinsettias, Daisies, etc., actual value 50c to 75c per bunch, all placed on a center table—take pick **25c**

For 25c. RIBBON SPECIALS. 5000 yards All-Silk TAFFETA MOIRE, worth 25c. Friday **19c**

1000 yards BLACK TAFFETA, All Silk, 3 1/2 inches wide, worth 25c. Friday **10c**

New Spring Fashions in Ladies' Jackets, Capes, Suits and Skirts.

Eton Suit. Just for a Flyer—About 45 Ladies' Eton Suits, made of fine broadcloth, lined throughout, six pearl buttons on jacket, black, navy, blue, and tan. worth \$7.50. **\$4.98**

The New Brandenburg Suit. Made in Broadcloth and Cheviot—all wool—colours navy, black, plum, and tan. with black Brandenburg braid, entire suit lined. **\$7.50, \$10.00, \$13.50**

Silk Skirts. 100 Fancy All-Silk Skirts, 18 inch wide, percale lined, worth \$5.00. Friday's price **\$3.98**

Wrappers. 1000 Fancy All-Silk Skirts, 18 inch wide, percale lined, worth \$5.00. Friday's price **\$3.98**

Black or Navy All-Wool Serge Skirt, four yards wide, velvet bound, percale lined, \$5.00 value. \$3.50

200 Ladies' Dress Skirts, fancy figured Cashmere, new shades, lined, velvet bound, worth \$7.00. 98c

Those Sweet Double-Breasted English Mess Jackets.... Which, worn with any skirt, make a new complete suit. Made of finest broadcloth, changeable silk lining, through-out, Hunter green, cadet blue, navy, plum, holoiscope and sage green. **\$8.75**

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FREE! Our distribution of handsome and serviceable Watches with all Men's and Young Men's Suits at \$12.50 and up still continues.

UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY

For Ladies and Children—seven especially interesting items that should have your first attention to - morrow morning.

Misses' Derby-ribbed Cotton Hose—black and white—6 to 8—worth 15c—special for Friday 9c

Misses' Hose—real Maco—1 1/2 rib—double knee, heel, sole and toe—extra fine—black—extra 25c quality—Friday 23c

Ladies' Drop-stitch Silk Finish Hose—intermediate weight—full elastic—black—extra 25c quality—Friday 17c

Children's Ecu and White Socks—Thread Neck—1 1/2 sizes—worth 15c—special for Friday 5c

Ladies' Extra Fine Quality Balbriggan Vests and Pants—pearl buttons—extra fine—black and white—just the thing for intermediate quality—worth 25c—Friday 25c

MEN'S FURNISHINGS. Later in the season such prices might possibly be expected, BUT NOW they are little short of marvelous.

Men's Mottled Half Hose—two-button—black and white—worth 15c—special for Friday 4c

Men's Superior Quality Full Regular Made Half Hose—Balbriggan—black and tan—regular 15c goods—Friday, 5c pair for 50c

Men's Half Hose—full regular made—tans, black and balbriggan—double-knee—extra fine gauge—the 20c kind—Friday, 2 pair for 25c

Men's Medium-weight Camel's Hair Shirts and Drawers—pearl buttons—silk-trimmed—regular 75c quality for 49c

Men's Laundered Percal Shirts—with two collars and cuffs—detached—worth 75c—Friday special at 75c

100 Men's well-made, substantial Suspenders—glit buckles—worth 35c—Friday special at 17c

Men's Indigo Blue, Turkey Blue, Plain White and Hemstitched Colored Imported Handkerchiefs—worth 15c—special Friday for 5c

Boys' Imported Madras, Colored Boas, White Body Laundered Shirts—sleeve and finish equal to the regular 50c goods—Friday special at \$1.00

LADIES' SHOES. In that "indisputably best" Shoe Department to - morrow.

Ladies' Kid Button and Lace Shoes—black and dark tan, razor and coin toe—neat and serviceable—sizes 2 1/2 to 8—worth 15c to 20c—Friday at Famous \$1.50

Ladies' Fine Dongola Shoes—black and oxblood—Century, coin and bull-dog toes—style and finish equal to the regular 50c goods—Friday at Famous \$1.95

Children's Fine Kid Shoes—dark tan, chocolate and oxblood shades—razor and coin toes—full of wear and worth—sizes 5 to 8—Friday at Famous \$1.00

Famous BROADWAY & MORGAN

AN ARGUMENT FOR THE FATALISTS.

GEN. FULLERTON AVOIDED DANGER AND FOUND DEATH.

HIS BODY STILL MISSING.

Began His Fatal Journey on Friday and Had Exactly \$13 in His Purse.

But the ship sailed safely over the sea. And the hunters came home from the chase in time.

The theory of fatalism is not more aptly illustrated than in the case of Gen. Fullerton. The General was killed by the fall of a rock from the top of a cliff.

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Oxblood, Tan and Cloth Top

Ladies' Boots

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\$2.50

(A to E, 2 1/2 to 8.)

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